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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date 2/25/65

Subject

Aliases

Address

Race

Sex
☐ Male
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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	4/21/65	2/17/65 - 4/14/65

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka	[redacted] b6 b7C	dlk
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
	AR	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 2/26/65 at Chicago.

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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU (2)

Two copies of letterhead memorandum, characterizing informants mentioned in instant report.

LEADS

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow subject's activities through contacts with informants and individuals associated with him.

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Notation

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2. Will attempt to identify gambling operations wherein subject is involved.

ADMINISTRATIVE

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INFORMANTS

Informant	Date of Contact	Contacting Agent
CG T-1 [redacted]	3/16/65	SA JOSEPH G. SHEA
CG T-2 [redacted]	3/2 and 3/22/65	SA GERHARD MAISEL
CG T-3 [redacted]	3/13/65	SA [redacted]
CG T-4 [redacted]	3/11/65	SA JOSEPH G. SHEA
CG T-5 [redacted]	3/24 and 4/7/65	SA [redacted]

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DETAILS:

Activities

CG T-1 advised that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

CG T-2 advised that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

CG T-2 stated that [redacted] b7D

Gambling Activity

CG T-3 advised that [redacted] b7D

[redacted] b7D

CG T-4 advised that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

According to CG T-4 there is no dice game of any proportion operating in the area controlled by CARUSO. Informant indicated that a current dice game of proportion is operating in DuPage County with none of any significance operating within the City of Chicago.

CG T-5 advised that [redacted] b7D

CG T-5 stated that [redacted] b7D

Meeting Place

CG T-3 advised that [redacted] b7D

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CG T-3 stated that: [redacted]

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Miscellaneous

CG T-3 advised that [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Chicago, Illinois
April 21, 1965

Title FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted] [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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Chicago, Illinois
April 21, 1965

FRANK TONY CARUSO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

Chicago T-1 is acquainted with activities relating to the hoodlum element in the Chicago area.

Chicago T-2 is acquainted with subject and aware of gambling activities in which Caruso is involved.

Chicago T-3 is in a position to furnish information concerning the activities of Caruso and his family.

Chicago T-4 is acquainted with individuals involved in hoodlum matters in the Chicago area.

Chicago T-5 has a long-time acquaintance with individuals in the criminal element and is knowledgeable concerning gambling matters.

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EJECTION REPORT

File No. ..... Date May 14, 1965 196....

The following named person was ejected from Sportsmans Race Track

On 5-14-65 196....

Name [redacted] Soc. Sec. No. .....

Aliases .....

Address [redacted] Phone .....

City Chi. Ill. State .....

Occupation and Employer [redacted]

Business Address .....

Method of entry to track: Paid Admission/Pass/Illegal (state which) paid

Amt. Refunded none

If brought to office, by whom [redacted]

Interviewed by [redacted]

Witnesses Present: .....

Present: .....

Time in Office 355 pm

Type of Case Undesireable

Time Ejected and by Whom 4:00pm

Criminal Record Ref. .....

Photo Available Yes ☐ No ☒

Evidence Obtained .....

DESCRIPTION

Sex M

Race W

Age [redacted]

Date of Bir [redacted]

Height ~~5'11"~~ 5' 8½" —200

Eyes br.

Hair blk.

Prominent Marks .....

Other .....

FACTS AND REMARKS:

Associate of "Skid" Caruso.

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[redacted]

(Signed) [redacted]

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S.A.O. F.B.I.

Posted: Yes ☐ No ☐

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RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

Orally 5/28/65 (date) By Telephone _____ (date) Written Communication _____ (date)

Information concerning:

Frank Caruso

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

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Information furnished was obtained:

- [✓] during course of Bureau investigation
- [✓] from informants
- [ ] from complainants or other sources

Information furnished to: [redacted] IU, CPD

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Remarks:

Information regarding Caruso's on-track betting operation and creation of his dice game

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1438)

DATE: 6/10/65

FROM : SA VINCENT L. INSERRA

SUBJECT: FRANK CARUSO
AR

On [redacted] (Protect Identity), [redacted] advised as follows: [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	JUN 23 1965	4/14 - 6/15/65

TITLE OF CASE

FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka

REPORT MADE BY [redacted]

TYPED BY AMS

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CHARACTER OF CASE

AR

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 4/21/65 at Chicago. b6 b7C

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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU

Two (2) copies of letterhead memorandum, characterizing informants mentioned in instant report.

LEADS

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. Will follow subject's activities through contacts with informants and sources.

2. Will attempt to develop additional information regarding the wire room operation of CARUSO.

APPROVED SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Notations

3. Will attempt to determine particulars regarding the operation of a dice game by CARUSO at 2714 South Wells, Chicago.

4. Will consider interviewing [redacted] reported to be the girl friend of CARUSO. b6 b7C

ADMINISTRATIVE

Information attributed to CG T-2 was obtained from [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Chicago Police Department. b6 Per IRS b7C

[redacted] b3 Per IRS b6 b7C

INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is [redacted] contacted on May 27, 1965, by SA [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

CG T-2 is [redacted] SA [redacted]

CG T-3 is [redacted] contacted on May 20, 1965, by SA GERHARD MAISEL.

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CG T-4 is [redacted] by SA [redacted]

CG T-5 is [redacted] by SA JOSEPH G. SHEA.

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CG T-6 is [redacted] by SA VINCENT L. INSERRA.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [redacted]
Date: JUN 23 1965

Office: Chicago

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Field Office File #: 92-1438

Bureau File #: 92-7067

Title: FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Credit report for CARUSO shows him residing at 215 West 23rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, and employed as self-distributor for Santa Fe Railroad. PHIL LIZZO serves as front man, companion and bodyguard for CARUSO. Bookmaking operation, on-track betting operation and information regarding possible location of dice game set forth. CARUSO left Chicago for four days when subpoenas were being served on Chicago hoodlums, as he felt he would receive one. CARUSO meets associates at his residence and at the Hawks SAC Club. CARUSO in "juice" racket with JAMES "The Bomber" CATUARA under control of GUS ALEX.

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DETAILS:

CREDIT REPORT

Records of Cook County Credit Bureau, Chicago, Illinois, were reviewed on May 4, 1965, by IC [redacted] and reflected the following information: b6 b7C

FRANK CARUSO and his wife, CATHERINE, as of May 19, 1964, were residing at 215 West 23rd Street, Chicago. He was born November 29, 1911, and at the time was employed as a self-distributor for the Santa Fe Railroad, 238 West Cermak, Chicago, which was also listed as an address where he could be contacted.

According to the Credit Report, in 1964 CARUSO carried a note with the National Boulevard Bank in connection with the purchase of a 1965 Pontiac automobile. He also had a note with the Continental National Illinois Bank in 1964 in connection with a 1964 Ford. It was indicated that he owed Wesley Memorial Hospital the sum of $487.87 as of June 1, 1964. The Credit Report also indicated that in 1962 CARUSO received an appliance claim, not further identified, and had credit with Goodyear Services, not further identified.

BOOKMAKING OPERATION

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CG T-1 advised that CARUSO reportedly had [redacted]

CG T-1 stated that PHIL LIZZO is CARUSO's top front man, a constant companion and bodyguard. [redacted] b7D

CG T-1 stated that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

CG T-2 furnished information which disclosed that [redacted] b7D

CG T-2 stated that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

According to CG T-2, [redacted] b7D

ON-TRACK BOOKMAKING

CG T-1 advised that two of CARUSO's brothers, JAMES CARUSO and MORRIS CARUSO frequent the Chicago race tracks in connection with CARUSO's on-track bookmaking operation. [redacted] b7D

CG T-1 stated that [redacted] b7D

CG T-1 stated that CARUSO is [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Information received from [redacted], State Race Track Police Inc. disclosed that on May 14, 1965, [redacted] was ejected from b6 b7C

Sportsmans Park in Chicago for being undesirable and an associate of "SKID" CARUSO, [redacted] was described as having been born on [redacted] b6 b7C

DICE GAME

CG T-1 advised that [redacted] b7D

CG T-3 advised that [redacted] b7D

DEPARTURE FROM CHICAGO

CG T-4 advised that during the period the U. S. Government was serving subpoenas on a number of the Chicago hoodlums in connection with their appearance before a Federal Grand Jury that CARUSO left Chicago for a four day period because he felt he might also be served.

ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATES

CG T-4 advised that [redacted] b7D

[redacted] b7D

CG T-3 advised that [redacted] b7D

CG T-2 advised that [redacted] b7D

MEETING PLACES

CG T-1 advised that [redacted] b7D

CG T-2 advised that [redacted] b7D

[redacted] b7D

CG T-5 advised that [redacted]

GIRLFRIEND

CG T-6 advised that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
June 23, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Title FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted] [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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Chicago, Illinois
June 23, 1965

FRANK TONY CARUSO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above. b6 b7C

CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

Chicago T-1 is acquainted with Caruso and Caruso's activities relating to gambling matters.

Chicago T-2 was in a position to obtain information concerning the gambling activities of Caruso.

Chicago T-3 is acquainted with Caruso and has been associated with activities relating to gambling in the Caruso set-up.

Chicago T-4 is in a position to furnish information concerning activities relating to Caruso and his operation in racketeering activities.

Chicago T-5 is acquainted with matters relating to the criminal element in the Chicago area.

Chicago T-6 is in a position to furnish information concerning the activities of Caruso.

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Dept. of Streets & Electricity, Chicago, Ill.	Frank Caruso #--	Applicant for city Departmental badge, 1-30-42		
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PD Chgo Ill	Skid Frank Spino #NG 5-31-30	5-6-62	inv gamb	
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PD Chgo Ill	Frank Spino #31620	5-18-63	gambling	
PD Chgo Ill	Frank A. Caruso #31620	12-19-63	lottering	
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	FLASH BY BUREAU: Frank Tony Caruso aka "Skid" Frank A. Skid, Frank Spino, Skid Frank Spino If any information or inquiry received notify BFD Chicago their file #92-1438 per inf rec 3-5-64 Bu file #92-7067			
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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	8/23/65	6/16/65 - 8/12/65

TITLE OF CASE

CHANGED
FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka.
"Skid",
Frank A. Skid,
Skid Frank Spino,
Frank Spino,
~~Frank Burkhardi~~

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] TYPED BY fl b6 b7C

CHARACTER OF CASE

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Title is changed to reflect the name by which subject is also known as, FRANK BURKHARDI, obtained from CG T-3 who identified a photograph of the subject [redacted] b7D

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 6/23/65, at Chicago. b6 b7C

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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU

Two (2) copies of a letterhead memorandum characterizing informants mentioned in instant report.

LEADS

CHICAGO

~~AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. Will follow subject's activities~~

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through contacts with informants and individuals acquainted with him.

2. Will follow subject's court case which has been continued until 9/8/65, at Branch 46, Municipal Court of the City of Chicago.

3. Will attempt to interview VIOLA BURKHARDI, Apartment 605, 4900 North Marine Drive, who is known as the wife of the subject.

INFORMANTS

Source	Date of Contact	Contacting Agent
CG T-1 is [redacted]	[redacted]	SA JOSEPH G. SHEA b7D
CG T-2 is [redacted]		SA GERHARD MAISEL
CG T-3 is [redacted]		SA [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Chicago, Illinois b6 b7C

Date: 8/23/65

Field Office File #: 92-1438 Bureau File #: 92-7067

Title: FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Gambling in area under CARUSO's control has declined to a point where it is almost disorganized. CARUSO is heavy in debt and appears to have lost control as over-all in charge of area. CARUSO arrested by Chicago Police Department on 7/15/65, and charged as being a gambling keeper. Case continued until 9/8/65. CARUSO identified as also being known as FRANK BURKHARDI, husband of VIOLA BURKHARDI who resides apartment 605, 4900 North Marine Drive, Chicago, Illinois.

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CG 92-1433

DETAILS:

Gambling and Bookmaking
Under CARUSO's Control

TOM SPALLA, also known as TOM BROWN, 2232 South Princeton, Chicago, Illinois, advised on June 23, 1965, that he was raised in the same neighborhood as CARUSO and has known CARUSO all of his life. BROWN is 60 years of age and is employed by the City of Chicago Street Department.

BROWN stated that from 1930 until 1945 he was employed as the chauffeur for BRUNO ROTI who had the reputation as being the head of the rackets in the lower part of Chicago's First Ward which includes the Chinatown section of Chicago. He was not involved in any of ROTI's dealings and primarily drove him from his place of business to the bank and to ROTI's residence. ROTI was in the beer distributing business and allegedly made a considerable amount of money. CARUSO married ROTI's oldest daughter and has been involved in various enterprises all his life. CARUSO is currently one of the stockholders in the Santa Fe Grape Distributors and has other interests.

BROWN stated that in 1945 he suffered a heart attack and ceased being employed by ROTI. As ROTI became elderly his sons gained more responsibility in the operation of their father's business and CARUSO was also involved in same.

Following World War II there was considerable horse booking and gambling taking place in the neighborhood and subsequently the so called leader in that area was CARUSO. During the past two or three years gambling activities has declined substantially in that area and because of "heat" from law enforcement, there is no way to know who is the real leader of gambling activities in that area. CARUSO has the reputation of being the leader in that area, however, he, BROWN, seldom sees him and he is not interested in being associated with him in any way or knowing his activities.

On June 22, 1965, FRANK ROTI, 2714 South Wells, Chicago, advised that he is the first cousin to BRUNO ROTI who died in 1957. ROTI stated he is retired from his city job which he held for 40 years. He is acquainted with CARUSO, knows of his reputation as being a gambling leader, however, he is not aware of any gambling activity on the part of CARUSO or his associates. His association with CARUSO is that he sees him only infrequently in the neighborhood. He has never been involved in any gambling activity with him.

ROTI was asked about a rumor that the basement in his residence had been used for gambling and in answer to same, stated no one has ever used his basement other than himself and his daughter's family. ROTI stated he resides in the first floor flat while his daughter resides on the second floor. No one has ever lived in his basement nor has anyone used the basement area for any purpose outside himself and his daughter. He stated he is aware that gambling was prevalent in his neighborhood in the past, however, for the past two years it has been almost nonexistent to his knowledge.

CG T-1 advised that gambling in the Chinatown area of Chicago has decreased to the point where it is almost disorganized. Due to the new laws regarding gambling, those individuals formerly engaged in same are now afraid to risk involvment because of the chance of a prison sentence. CARUSO, who has been the leader of gambling in that area, appears to have lost this position and also appears to have lost control over other activities relating to organized crime in that area.

Financial Problems

CG T-2 advised that [redacted] b7D

CG T-1 advised that CARUSO is heavy in debt and because of this indebtedness does not have the power he formerly held in his area.

Gambling Arrest

[redacted] Vice Control Detail, Chicago Police Department, furnished the following information on August 5, 1965, concerning the arrest of CARUSO on July 15, 1965, who is being charged as being a gambling keeper: b6 b7C

Information was received indicating that CARUSO had gambling paraphernalia and records at his residence, 215 West 23rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, also at his place of business at 233 West Cermak Road, Chicago. Search warrants were obtained for these two addresses and officers visited these two addresses simultaneously. CARUSO was not at his residence when the officers first arrived there, however, he arrived at his residence within five minutes. The officers encountered considerable trouble with CARUSO's wife, however, after he arrived they received no additional trouble from her and they were allowed to search his residence. They failed to find any substantial information other than scratch sheets and pieces of paper which were used as betting slips. At the 233 West Cermak Road address no betting or gambling paraphernalia was located. During the search at this address it was noted that the building was used to store various types of clothing, a number of safes were located in same. The address is used as the office for the Santa Fe Grape Distributors and it is also used as an office for a used car business [redacted] b6 b7C

Following CARUSO's arrest he was taken before the magistrate and was released on bail. His case was brought up in Branch 27, 11th and State Streets, Chicago, and he was represented by [redacted] of the firm of [redacted] requested a continuance until September 8, 1965, which was granted. CARUSO's case will be held in Branch 46, Criminal Courts Building, 26th and California, Chicago. b6 b7C

Reported Bookmaking Associate

, It was previously reported that [redacted] had been evicted from Arlington Park by the race track police for being an associate of CARUSO. On July 20, 1955, [redacted] advised that [redacted] stated that he was raised in the neighborhood where CARUSO had the reputation of being the gang leader. He had never been associated with CARUSO as such and only knows him to speak to him. He is not in sympathy with CARUSO and his associates and does not feel they are as powerful as some people give them credit for being. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated he frequently visits the race tracks in the Chicago area, however, while at the tracks he has never engaged in on-track betting. The day he was thrown off the track at Arlington Park he recalls having spoken to MORRIS CARUSO, "Skid's" brother. He stated that when at the track you natually meet individuals who are interested in gambling and you generally say hello to them without knowing them other than a first name and the fact that they are horse bettors. He stated he was questioned by the race track police regarding his speaking to MORRIS CARUSO and apparently he was evicted because of this one comment. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated he is not associated in any way with CARUSO, however, he has heard that CARUSO is hurting financially. [redacted] stated that it is obvious that gambling activity is almost nil to what it has been in the past in his area. He has learned this from conversation with other individuals when talking about the neighborhood. b6 b7C

[redacted]

It was previously reported that [redacted] employed at [redacted] CARUSO. [redacted] b6 b7C

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CG T-3 [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
August 23, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Title FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above. b6 b7C

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Chicago T-3 with whom there has been insufficient contact to determine reliability, however, who is in a position to furnish pertinent information concerning CARUSO and [redacted] b7D

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Chicago, Illinois
August 23, 1965

FRANK TONY CARUSO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Chicago T-1 is acquainted with the activities of Caruso regarding gambling activities.

Chicago T-2 is in a position to furnish information concerning the activities of individuals in the gambling field and concerning organized crime conditions in the Chicago area.

Chicago T-3 is in a position to furnish information concerning [redacted] b7D

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Frank Caruso

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Information furnished to: [redacted] VCD, CPD

Remarks:

Info re Caruso and his being arrested 7/15/65

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Date 8/30/65

VIOLA BURKHARDI was contacted at her residence, Apartment 605, 4900 North Marine Drive. She admitted her identity as VIOLA BURKHARDI but stated she would not answer any additional questions. She would not admit whether or not she knew FRANK CARUSO. She stated she was very respectful of the FBI's reputation but was sorry in that her only answer was that it would be necessary to talk to her lawyer for any statement.

The following description of VIOLA BURKHARDI was obtained from observation:

Height	5' 5"
Weight	110 pounds
Hair	Blonde, dyed
Complexion	Fair
Build	Medium
Age	Late 30's

On 8/24/65 at Chicago, Illinois File# CG 92-1438 - 115 A

by SA [redacted] /mhh Date dictated 8/24/65

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FRANK TONY CARUSO, AKA. "SKID". AR.

[redacted] INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, CHICAGO PD, b6 b7C

ADVISED OCTOBER SEVEN AND EIGHT LAST OF RECENT [redacted]

[redacted] EXTORTION OF FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS FROM

[redacted]

[redacted] STATED DURING

AUGUST LAST [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted]

ON AUGUST TWELVE LAST [redacted] UNSUB ENTERED UNION HALL

WITH SET OF KEYS AND ENTERED OFFICE WHERE [redacted]

[redacted] SEATED. UNSUB STATED TO [redacted] "I WANT

THE FIFTEEN LONG ONES" (FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS). UNSUB

TURNED TO [redacted] AND SAID "YOU SOB YOU WENT TO MY BOSS AND b6 b7C

GOT THIS CUT TO TEN G'S." [redacted] THEN TURNED TO [redacted] AND

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SAID "GIVE HIM THE MONEY IN THE DRAWER." [redacted] OPENED DESK DRAWER AND GAVE UNSUB ABOUT FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS. [redacted]. UNSUB ALSO DEMANDED FROM [redacted] SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS EVERY YEAR FROM NOW ON AND TOLD [redacted] TO GET BALANCE OF MONEY AND DELIVER IT "OUT WEST."

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[redacted] STATED UNSUB POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS MORRIS "MUTT" CARUSO, WELL-KNOWN CHICAGO GAMBLER AND BROTHER OF CHICAGO TOP HOODLUM SKID CARUSO. [redacted] STATES [redacted] IS ASSOCIATE OF LABOR UNION HOODLUMS [redacted] AND JOSEPH GLIMCO AND APPARENTLY INVOLVED IN EXTORTION. [redacted] CLAIMS FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS WAS FROM PERSONAL FUNDS, AND WILLING TO FORGET MATTER IF NOT PRESSED FURTHER BECAUSE OF "SKELETONS IN CLOSET."

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[redacted] FURTHER STATED UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS MADE ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO TO TAKE OVER THIS UNION BY HOODLUMS JOSEPH AMABILE AND CONVICTED MURDERER [redacted].

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VIOLATION OF HOBBS ACT WHICH CAN BE FURTHER EXPLORED DURING IMPENDING FGJ HEARINGS INTO SAM BATTAGLIA AND HIS LIEUTENANT JOSEPH AMABILE.

CHICAGO INSTITUTING AR CASE ENTITLED MORRIS CARUSO; [redacted] VICTIM. AT REQUEST OF [redacted] NO OVERT INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED UNTIL COMMENCEMENT FGJ. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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CHICAGO	CHICAGO	10/20/65	8/13 - 10/13/65

TITLE OF CASE

FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka

REPORT MADE BY

SA [redacted] b6 b7C

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CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated, 8/23/65, at Chicago. b6 b7C

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ENCLOSURE

TO BUREAU

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of a letterhead memorandum characterizing informants mentioned in instant report.

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LEADS

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. Will follow subject's activities through contacts with informants and sources.

2. Will determine disposition of court action against subject set for 10/15/65.

3. Will attempt to interview JAMES "MC GEE" PULLANO, who resides in the vicinity of 30th and Princeton.

ADMINISTRATIVE

It is noted that [redacted] is subject of [redacted] b6 b7C

INFORMANTS

Source	Date Contacted	Contacting Agent
CG T-1 [redacted]	8/16 and 9/9/65	SA GERHARD MAISEL b7D
CG T-2 [redacted]	9/8 and 9/13/65	SA JOSEPH G. SHEA
CG T-3 [redacted]	10/4/65	SA JOHN J. OITZINGER
CG T-4 [redacted]	8/31/65	SA VINCENT L. INSERRA b7D
CG T-5 [redacted]	9/3/65	SA JOSEPH G. SHEA
CG T-6 [redacted]	8/25/65	SA [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: CHICAGO b6 b7C
Date: 10/20/65

Field Office File #: 92-1438 Bureau File #: 92-7067

Title: FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: One of CARUSO's brothers visits race track daily to make bets for CARUSO's operation. CARUSO's brother JAMES, who operates J. C. Restaurant, is working in CARUSO's gambling operation. JAMES "MCGGEE" PULLANO operates the "Office" for CARUSO, where bets are called in. JAMES "The Bomber" CATUARA is CARUSO's partner in wire room operation. CARUSO has crap game operating on Sundays, which game is reportedly controlled by CARUSO's brother JOSEPH "Shoes". Court action for arrest of CARUSO on 7/15/65 on gambling charges by Chicago Police Department continued until 10/15/65. Chicago Police Department raided wire room operation of CARUSO's on 8/26/65 and arrested operators. PHIL LIZZO is constant companion of CARUSO's. CARUSO has chronic stomach disorder. CARUSO's brother MORRIS identified as being extortionist of labor union official. VIOLA BURKHARDI identified as being girl friend of CARUSO's refused to acknowledge knowing CARUSO when interviewed.

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DETAILS:

Gambling Activity

CG T-1 advised that CARUSO continues to be active in the bookmaking field and one of CARUSO's brothers visits the race track daily and makes bets of a considerable amount. CARUSO continues to dress expensively even though pleading financial embarrassment and continues to live very well.

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CG T-2 advised that [redacted]

CG T-2 stated that [redacted]

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Wire Room Operation

CG T-3 advised that [redacted]

Operation of Crap Game

CG T-4 advised that [redacted] b7D

CG T-5 advised that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

CG T-2 advised that [redacted] b7D

Gambling Arrest

It was previously reported that CARUSO was arrested on July 15, 1965 by the Vice Control Division, Chicago Police Department and charged as being a gambling keeper.

On September 8, 1965 [redacted] b6 b7C Vice Control Division, advised that the court date for CARUSO regarding his arrest on July 15, 1965 was continued from that date until October 15, 1965, at the request of CARUSO's [redacted] CARUSO is to appear in Branch 46 of the Criminal Courts Building.

Raid of Wire Room at 4175 South Halsted

On August 27, 1965, [redacted] b6 b7C b7E Intelligence Unit, Chicago Police Department, advised that MORRIS FRANK CARUSO, brother of FRANK CARUSO, and [redacted] were arrested about 1:30 p.m. on August 26, 1965 [redacted] and the Intelligence Unit. They were arrested in a second floor room above a tavern at 4175 South Halsted. Four phones were confiscated and other betting records were found. JAMES PULLANO [redacted] the latter [redacted] were arrested in the tavern on the first floor. This operation was accepting bets from the various factory workers in the area.

[redacted] stated that ALFRED CARFAGNO was arrested in the Wells Street Tavern, 248 West 26th Street, at the same time and charged with gambling. Betting records were obtained from the phone booth in the tavern where CARFAGNO was using the phone. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that CARFAGNO resides at 38 North Central, was born on October 31, 1911, stands 5'7" in height and weighs 165 pounds. [redacted] stated that this was one of CARUSO's bookmaking operations. On September 8, 1965 [redacted] stated that MORRIS CARUSO and [redacted] were re-arrested by the Intelligence Unit after being indicted on state charges growing out of their arrest [redacted] on August 26, 1965. b6 b7C b7E

Associate

CG T-6 advised that [redacted] b7D

Health

CG T-6 advised that CARUSO has many physical problems but his preliminary concern is about a chronic stomach disorder, which causes him considerable pain and his problem apparently cannot be alleviated through medication and previous surgery. In view of this trouble CARUSO is considering having others assume some of his racket duties.

Brother of CARUSO Involved in Extortion

[redacted] mentioned previously, advised on October 7, 1965 of the recent [redacted] MORRIS "Mutt" CARUSO, a well known gambler and brother of FRANK CARUSO, has been positively identified as the extortionist. b6 b7C

Girl Friend

It was previously reported that CARUSO, also known as FRANK BURKHARDI, is the husband of VIOLA BURKHARDI, who resides in Apartment 605, 4900 North Marine Drive, Chicago.

Records of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated were caused to be reviewed on September 1, 1965 by IC JACK RAY RIDENHOUR. These records disclosed that in 1954 FRANK and VIOLA BURKHARDI were residing at 1065 Hollywood and formerly resided at 6214 North Winthrop. He was self-employed as a real estate broker. He had been employed as same for the past two years and maintained an office at 238 West Cermak. In 1954 and in 1960 inquiries were made concerning the BURKHARDIS which indicated that they were residing at 4900 Marine Drive.

It is noted that CARUSO owns the property at 238 West Cermak Road.

The records of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department were reviewed on September 1, 1965 by IC RIDENHOUR and failed to reflect information pertaining to VIOLA BURKHARDI.

Miscellaneous

CG T-6 advised that in connection with CARUSO's arrest on July 15, 1965 it was necessary for him to put up $2500 bail. This bail was considered more than is usually asked of a lesser known individual.

CG T-6 advised that [redacted] b6 b7C

On September 1, 1965, [redacted] advised [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that as a boy he resided with his parents at [redacted] is CARUSO's [redacted] and [redacted] prior to her death several years ago. Since that time [redacted] has been like a mother to him. He often visits her, is well aware of the reputation of her deceased husband [redacted] and the fact that FRANK CARUSO is reported to be in the racketeering business in that area. Although he has known CARUSO for several years he has never worked for him and has made every effort not to associate with him socially or otherwise. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that gambling activity in CARUSO's area has drastically curtailed and since the enactment of new laws controlling gambling that it is even more limited.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
October 20, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 92-1438

Title FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Chicago, Illinois
October 20, 1965

FRANK TONY CARUSO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above. b6 b7C

CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

Chicago T-1 is acquainted with Caruso and with gambling matters.

Chicago T-2 is acquainted with criminal matters in the Chicago area and is aware of the activity of Caruso.

Chicago T-3 is acquainted with gambling activities involving Caruso.

Chicago T-4 is aware of gambling activity in the Chicago area.

Chicago T-5 is acquainted with matters involving criminals and hoodlums in the Chicago area.

Chicago T-6 [redacted] b7D

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI Attention: Identification Division Date 10/14/65

Re: Frank Tony Caruso aka, AR

Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name [redacted] FBI No. [redacted] b6 b7C
Other No.

Aliases (over 200 cards) 10-19 Rbmi

Sex	Race	Birth Date	Birthplace	Residence

Height	Weight	Build	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Age

Fingerprint Classification

Scars, marks and tattoos

FBI [redacted] does not belong to a subject by the name of [redacted] We were unable to conduct an effective name search since numerous entries for the same name appear in our identification files.

Also Furnish:
- [x] Photo
- [ ] Fingerprints
- [ ] Handwriting Specimens

Identification Division's Reply
- [ ] On basis of information furnished, unable to identify:
  - [ ] Criminal Files [ ] Civil Files [ ] All Files
- [ ] Record Attached
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- [ ] Photo Not Available
- [ ] Fingerprints Attached
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To: DIRECTOR, FBI Attention: Identification Division Date 10/14/65

Re: Frank Tony Caruso aka AR

Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name [redacted] FBI No. [redacted] Other No.

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Aliases 10-19 Admin 117 Irv P.B [redacted]

Sex	Race	Birth Date	Birthplace	Residence

Height	Weight	Build	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Age

Fingerprint Classification

Scars, marks and tattoos

Also Furnish:
- [x] Photo
- [ ] Fingerprints
- [ ] Handwriting Specimens

Identification Division's Reply 10-26-65

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FBI number [redacted] is not assigned to an individual by this name.

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI Attention: Identification Division Date 10/14/65

Re: Frank Tony Caruso aka; AR

Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name [redacted] FBI No. [redacted] b6 b7C

Other N

Aliase [redacted]

Sex	Race	Birth Date	Birthplace	Residence

Height	Weight	Build	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Age

Fingerprint Classification

Scars, marks and tattoos

Also Furnish:
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To: DIRECTOR, FBI Attention: Identification Division Date 10/14/65

Re: Frank Tony Caruso aka AR

[redacted] e Known Identification Record of the Following: b6 b7C

Name [redacted] FBI No. [redacted]

Other No.

All 10-14 Chi Rome 117 Dep. [redacted]

Sex	Race	Birth Date	Birthplace	

Height	Weight	Build	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Age

Fingerprint Classification

Scars, marks and tattoos

Also Furnish:

- [x] Photo
- [ ] Fingerprints
- [ ] Handwriting Specimens

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Report Form
FD-263 (5-12-55.)

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	12/21/65	10/14 - 12/10/65

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka	SA [redacted]	cms

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 10/20/65 at Chicago.

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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU

Two letterhead memorandum characterizing informants utilized in instant report.

LEADS

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. Will follow subject's activities through informants and individuals acquainted with him.

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Pending Over One Year. Yes.
~~Pending Prosecution Over Six Months.~~ No.

Approved	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below
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2. Will follow the pending court action against CARUSO wherein he is being considered for indictment by the Cook County Grand Jury following the loss of evidence previously obtained in connection with his arrest.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Attempts to locate JAMES "Mc Gee" PULLANO, an associate of CARUSO for interview, have been unsuccessful.

INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is [redacted] b6 b7C b7D by SA GERHARD MAISEL. CG T-2 is [redacted] by SA [redacted] CG T-3 is [redacted] contacted on [redacted] by SA JOHN J. OITZINGER.

FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Chicago

Date: 12/21/65

Field Office File #: 92-1438 Bureau File #: 92-7067

Title: FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character: ANTI RACKETEERING

Synopsis: CARUSO's attitude recently indicates he is doing well financially. CARUSO's gambling associates have city patronage jobs. CARUSO's bookmakers only deal with trusted customers. Dice game in CARUSO's area was taking place irregularly among local associates under strict security. Dissolving paper recently purchased for CARUSO's wireroom. Court action against CARUSO for recent arrest stricken from leger on 12/9/65 due to loss of evidence. Attempt will be made to indict CARUSO before Grand Jury for that arrest on testimony of Police Officers who made arrest. ALFRED CARFAGNO, one of CARUSO's wireroom operators, arrested 12/9/65. He burned all evidence. CARUSO bared from Chicago race tracks.

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CG 92-1438

DETAILS:

ACTIVITIES

CG T-1 advised that CARUSO's recent attitub indicates that he is doing well financially and has invited former gambling associates to visit him.

Recently CG T-1 learned that a dice game was occasionally available to players in the vicinity of Wentworth and 26th Street, Chicago, Illinois. No specific information was given regarding the dice game and CG T-1 was under the impression that the conversation concerning same was more in determining if individuals would be interested in participating in same if given a chance. Also that CARUSO was the responsible individual for this game.

CG T-2 advised that [redacted] b7D

CG T-2 advised that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

CG T-2 advised that [redacted] drive late model automobiles and his next to [redacted] is currently driving a new Ford Thunderbird bearing 1965 Illinois license [redacted] is an employee of the [redacted] and was formerly [redacted]

The aforementioned license is registered to [redacted] on a Ford.

GAMBLING ACTIVITY

[redacted] 21st District, Chicago Police Department, advised on October 26, 1965 that on occasion during the past two months a dice game took place in back of the Kaeburn Club, 254 West 26th Street, Chicgo, which club is frequented by individuals from the neighborhood. On several Sundays preceding October 17, 1965, a dice game was held behind the Kaeburn Club mainly participated in by b6 b7C

local individuals. It was a game of small profit and was reportedly under the control of CARUSO and his brother JOSEPH. During the time this game was in progress, there were lookouts stationed in area and some had radio equipment to notify the participants if a police car was in the area.

[redacted] stated that on October 17, 1965, two of his policemen attempted to raid the game and upon gaining entry into the rear of the Kaoburn Club were able to observe only several individuals sitting in the area. A ring of cigaret butts were observed in the yard indicating that a dice game obviously had been taking place within the area ringed by the cigaret butts. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that because of the problems relating to security procedures, it has been difficult for the dice game to attract individuals with money or individuals who are reluctant to gamble for fear of being arrested. b6 b7C

CG T-3 advised that dissolving paper was recently purchased for CARUSO to use in his wireroom operation. This type of paper dissolves instantly upon contact with water and is currently popular with individuals working in wirerooms.

COURT ACTION

It was previously reported that CARUSO was arrested on July 15, 1965 by the Vice Control Division, Chicago Police Department and charged as being a gambling keeper.

[redacted] Vice Control Division, advised on October 15, 1965 that CARUSO's case had been continued until November 9, 1965. On November 15, 1965, [redacted] advised that CARUSO's case was again continued until December 9, 1965. On December 10, 1965, [redacted] advised that at CARUSO's court appearance in Branch 44 of the Municipal Court of Chicago evidence obtained during CARUSO's arrest was determined to have been destroyed. CARUSO's attorney requested that the case be discharged; however, the court recommended that the case be stricken off the ledger. b6 b7C

[redacted] on December 10, 1965, stated that the evidence against CARUSO had been inadvertently destroyed along with similar evidence; however, the State's Attorney's Office was making plans to attempt to indict CARUSO before a Cook County Grand Jury on testimony of the arresting officers who were

present at the time of CARUSO's arrest and who were aware of the evidence obtained at that time.

ARREST OF CARUSO'S WIREROOM OPERATOR ON DECEMBER 10, 1965

[redacted] advised that ALFRED CARFAGNO, a wireroom operator and associate of CARUSO, was arrested at 2610 South Wentworth, Chicago, in the rear apartment and charged with operating a wireroom. The two doors to the apartment were barricaded and windows to same were covered with iron to prevent entry. Prior to opening the door to allow the arresting officers to enter, CARFAGNO burned all evidence save one bet slip. CARFAGNO had $100.00 on his person and there was no telephone in the room. [redacted] stated that prior to the arrest of CARFAGNO, [redacted] was observed in front of 2610 South Wentworth. [redacted] has been arrested before by the Chicago Police Department for being a wireroom operator. When contacted while in front of 2610 South Wentworth, he stated he was employed as a truck driver at the time and just happened to be there. b6 b7C

RACE TRACK INFORMATION

On October 20, 1965, HORACE LOOMIS, Chief, Race Track Police, for Arlington, Hawthorne, and Sportsman's Parks, advised that CARUSO is barred from visiting aforementioned tracks. LOOMIS stated that CARUSO's brothers, JAMES and JOSEPH, are also barred. He stated that MORRIS, a forth brother, is the only one who still has the privilege of visiting the race tracks. He stated that MORRIS is a regular visiter, generally, to the tracks during the racing season.

MISCELLANEOUS

On November 4, 1965, [redacted] advised he was born on [redacted] was raised in the vicinity of [redacted] stated that in the past, he has gambled some and occasionally frequents the Chicago race tracks. He is not involved in gambling activities now and can not affect any losses due to his business obligations. He feels his business is good enough that he can make a good living legitimately and he is not desireous of being involved in other than legitimate operations. He stated "ante" deals for the little man are no longer profitable as they were in the past. b6 b7C

[redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] which is primarily a social gathering place at [redacted] and , to his knowledge, the group who frequents the club are not associated with CARUSO's group. He knows CARUSO and his brothers but is not interested in knowing their activities. He knows that JAMES CARUSO spends a considerable amount of time at the J. C. Grill, 2604 South Wentworth, Chicago, which he owns and operates. MORRIS CARUSO is generally broke and repeatedly borrows money which he spends at the tracks.

[redacted] stated that CARUSO and his associates are primarily of Sicilian decent whereas [redacted] For the past two years there has been little gambling activity in the "Patch" area and gambling activity at the Hacburn Club, if any, is of an extremely minor scale, carried on similar to the type of gambling you might find among friends in any business or profession. b6 b7C

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Chicago, Illinois
December 21, 1965

Title **FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka**

Character **ANTI RACKETEERING**

Reference **Report of Special Agent [redacted] [redacted] dated and captioned as above.**

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Chicago, Illinois
December 21, 1965

FRANK TONY CARUSO
ANTI RACKETEERING

Reference report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above. b7D

CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is acquainted with CARUSO and in a position to furnish information concerning his activities.

CG T-2 is acquainted with activities concerning the "Patch" area of Chicago which is the area controlled by CARUSO in regard to racket activities.

CG T-3 is acquainted with CARUSO in some of his activities and the fact that he is involved in bookmaking activities.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date February 1, 1966

SAs JOHN J. OITZINGER and [redacted] were at the S & K Cut-Rate Liquor Store, 234 West Cermak, Chicago, during the early afternoon. [redacted] FRANK CARUSO. Apparently [redacted] became concerned at the presence of SAs OITZINGER and [redacted] and made a telephone call. Shortly thereafter JAMES CARUSO [redacted] arrived at the store. JAMES CARUSO inquired if we were from the 21st District and whether or not there was a problem. JAMES CARUSO was told only that we thought that FRANK CARUSO would by in the area. JAMES CARUSO then stated that his brother would be her shortly. b6 b7C

Shortly thereafter FRANK CARUSO arrived at the store accompanied by a chauffeur who appeared to be identical with [redacted] FRANK CARUSO recognizedSA OITZINGER and inquired of our reason for being at the store. FRANK CARUSO was informed that we were desirious of talking to him concerning activities of which he would have knowledge, and he stated he would not discuss any matter except if there was some problem dealing with the operation of the store. He said he was only interested in handling a specific and official complaint that the Agents might have. b6 b7C

During the insuing general conversation, FRANK CARUSO stated that the crime rate in Chicago was most certainly down from a few years back and also that he does not condone hi-jackings. He stated he would not discuss any matter unless he was accompanied by a friend, because he would be at a disadvantage under those circumstances. He did state that he had been born in Sicily. Prior to FRANK CARUSO arriving at the store, and while under the impression that SAs OITZINGER and [redacted] were apparently from the 21st District, the police district which covers that area, [redacted] made the remark that it was obvious that "action" was down in the area and that we should realize that too. b6 b7C

On 1/25/66 at Chicago, Illinois File# CG 92-1438 -136

by SAs JOHN J. OITZINGER and [redacted] sfm Date dictated 1/27/66 b6 b7C

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	2/25/66	12/13/65 - 2/17/66

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
	SA [redacted] b6 b7C	rr
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka	AR	

REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] dated 12/21/65 at Chicago. b6 b7C
Bureau airtel to Chicago, dated 1/31/66, entitled, "CIP."

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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU

Two (2) copies of Characterization Memorandum.

LEADS

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. Will identify subscriber

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Pending Over One Year - Yes
Pending Prosecution Over Six Months - No

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to telephone number [redacted] at Joliet, Illinois, and number [redacted] at Cleveland, Ohio. Identification of subscriber of the latter number is being set forth in a separate communication to the Cleveland Office. b6 b7C

2. Will follow activities of subject through informants and individuals acquainted with him.

3. Will follow subject's appearances in court in connection with his indictment by Cook County Grand Jury concerning a gambling matter.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Referenced Bureau airtel to Chicago concerning the ADP Program and subject's membership or potential membership in the LCN is being set forth.

Status

CARUSO status regarding his involvement in organized crime is set forth in instant report. There is however, no source to establish CARUSO, his brothers, or his brothers-in-law as members of the LCN as such. As stated by [redacted] in instant report, CARUSO has been the titular head of organized crime of Chicago's near South Side since the death of his father-in-law, BRUNO ROTI, in 1956. b7D

It has previously been reported that CARUSO is the leader of rackets and organized crime in that area and gets a piece of all action taking place there. His "clout" comes from the fact he is the son-in-law of BRUNO ROTI referred to as "MUSTACHE." ROTI was close to AL CAPONE and was visited by CAPONE on many occasions.

Member Relatives

As set forth in instant report concerning CARUSO's hoodlum position, his father-in-law was referred to as "MUSTACHE" however, there is no source to definitely identify him as being a member of the LCN. ROTI was close to AL CAPONE, who was made a member of the Chicago "family" in 1931, however, there is no source to identify him as such although he apparently was a member of the Chicago "family."

BRUNO ROTI's sons, who were unable to assume their father's role which was assumed by CARUSO, associate with CARUSO in business and some racket activities as do CARUSO's brothers. There is not, however, sufficient material to identify these individuals as "family" members. It is noted that most of the CARUSO and ROTI brothers have or have had city patronage jobs.

Family of Relatives

No information is known to identify CARUSO's relatives as being associated with the Chicago "family, however, it is probable that BRUNO ROTI, his father-in-law, was a member of the Chicago "family" in view of his association with AL CAPONE.

INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is [redacted] contacted on February 8, 1966, by SA JOHN J. OITZINGER.

CG T-2 is CG 6343-C*.

CG T-3 is [redacted]

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CG T-4 is [redacted] contacted on February 17, 1966, by SA [redacted]

CG T-5 is [redacted] contacted on January 21, 1966, by SA GERHARD MAISEL.

CG T-6 is [redacted], contacted on February 10, 1966, by SAs JOHN J. OITZINGER and [redacted]

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FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Chicago b6 b7C
Date: 2/25/66

Field Office File #: 92-1438 Bureau File #: 92-7067

Title: FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: CARUSO took over leadership of rackets on Chicago's near South Side following death of father-in-law, BRUNO ROTI referred to as "MUSTACHE." CARUSO's relatives associate with him in racket and business activities. CARUSO indicted by Cook County Grand Jury on 12/15/65 regarding gambling matter. He is on $300 bond and restricted to area. CARUSO interviewed and refused to discuss activities. Telephone number subscribed to by CARUSO identified. Association with girl friend, VIOLA BURKHARDI, set forth. He has traveled to Miami, Florida and Hot Springs, Arkansas in the past.

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DETAILS:

Hoodlum's Position and Status

CG T-1 stated that in the past BRUNO ROTI was the leader and was consulted in connection with racket activities and crimes committed on Chicago's near South Side. He was regarded as being the "MUSTACHE" which identified leadership in the Italian element.

CG T-1 stated that following ROTI's death in 1956, his sons attempted to assume his leadership but did not have the support and backing needed. JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATUARA then emerged as the leader, however, since he was not too enthusiastic about the position, CARUSO, who was married to ROTI's daughter, CATHERINE, took over the leadership and has maintained controll of same to date.

CG T-1 described CARUSO as having previously been used as a "hit man" for ROTI's group who developed into somewhat of an alcoholic "lush." CARUSO derived the name "Skid" from his association with the skid row element in Chicago.

CG T-1 stated that CARUSO continues his leadership in the area and has ANTHONY POOPY MAENZA and JOSEPH "SHORTY" LA MANTIA on his payroll to furnish "muscle" whenever it becomes necessary.

CG T-2 and CG T-3 advised that during the early part of the 1960s CARUSO controlled the leadership in organized crime on Chicago near South Side under direction of FRANK FERRARO and GUS ALEX.

CG T-2 and CG T -3 did not know of any specific title bestowed on CARUSO other than he was the immediate leader in that area.

Relatives

Immigration and Naturalization Service, records, Chicago reflect that CARUSO was born on November 29, 1911 at Chicago and his parents were PETRO CARUSO born September 2, 1881 at Termini Italy and FRANCES CARUSO, born July 21, 1882

at Termini, Italy. In addition to CARUSO, the following children were born to that marriage: MARY born January 22, 1906; JOSEPH, born March 8, 1903; MAMY, born August 25, 1910; JAMES, born November 24, 1913; FRANCES, born January 2, 1915; MORRIS, born October 26, 1917; [redacted] b6 b7C

The Obituary Column in the March 10, 1964 issue of the "Chicago Sun-Times" referred to death of JAMES ROTI, husband of KATHERINE ROTI, nee HANIS. It was also indicated that he was the son of BRUNO ROTI, deceased, and MARIANA BERTUCCI. In addition, he had the following brothers and sisters: [redacted] JOSEPH CARUSO; CATHERINE, married to FRANK CARUSO; [redacted] b6 b7C

CG T-4 advised that CARUSO's brother, JAMES operates the J. C. Grill, 2604 South Wentworth, and a second brother JOSEPH is employed in the stock room of the Merit Liquor Company. A third brother, MORRIS is generally unemployed, but works occasionally for the city. He also works in connection with CARUSO's racket activities. He is especially close to CARUSO's operation.

CG T-4 advised that CARUSO's brothers-in-law are somewhat associated with him in the family business. FRED ROTI was formerly a state senator from that district in Illinois.

CG T-4 advised that most of the CARUSO and ROTI family members have or have had city patronage jobs in the past.

Court Action

CG T-4 advised that CARUSO's case in court concerning his arrest on gambling charges on July 15, 1965 was dismissed as there was no evidence to substantiate a conviction, since the evidence was lost or misplaced. He was, however, re-arrested

and released on $300 bond. He was arrested following an appearance before the Cook County Grand Jury by the police officers who originally made the arrest of him. He is restricted to the Chicago area. CARUSO has complained bitterly concerning this treatment, however, he has no alternative.

On December 15, 1965, [redacted] Vice Control Division, Chicago Police Department, advised that the Cook County Grand Jury indicted CARUSO in connection with his arrest on July 15, 1965. He is on $300 bond and is restricted to the area of the court. No date has been set for his court appearance in this matter. b6 b7C

Interview

Activities

CG T-5 advised that CARUSO has been unable to pay debts he has owed for some time and has indicated he has little income coming in from his area.

On February 2, 1966, [redacted] 21st District, Chicago Police Department, advised that he has received few complaints of gambling activities in the area supposedly controlled by CARUSO. [redacted] stated CARUSO undoubtedly has some wire rooms in operation but their income could not amount to much. [redacted] stated he was certain no organized dice or card games are in operation in CARUSO's area.

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Telephone

Girl Friend

It was previously reported that VIOLA BURKHARDT 4900 North Marine Drive, Chicago, Apartment 605 was the girl friend of CARUSO.

CG T-6 advised that [redacted] b7D

Areas of Travel

CG T-6 advised that [redacted] b7D

CG T-6 stated that CARUSO, when going on vacation will not fly as he is afraid of that mode of travel. Although apparently liking horses, he will not go near them as he is afraid of them also.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
February 25, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Title FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above. b7D

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

All sources reliable except CG T-6 with whom there has been insufficient contact to determine reliability but who is in a position to furnish information concerning [redacted] b7D

3 - Bureau (92-7067)
1 - USA, Chicago
2 - Chicago (92-1438)

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Chicago, Illinois
February 25, 1966

FRANK TONY CARUSO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above. b6 b7C

CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is acquainted with Caruso and activities of the hoodlum element.

CG T-2 is knowledgeable concerning activities of the hoodlum element in the Chicago area.

CG T-3 is knowledgeable concerning activities relating to hoodlum matters in the downtown Chicago area.

CG T-4 is in a position to furnish information concerning activities relating to Caruso and his associates.

CG T-5 is acquainted with Caruso and aware of some of his activities. b7D

CG T-6 is in a position to furnish information concerning Caruso and his relationship with [redacted]

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SAC, CLEVELAND 2/28/66

SAC, CHICAGO (92-1438)

FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka
Frank A. Skid,
Skid Frank Spino,
Frank Spino,
Frank Burkhardt,
"Skid"
AR
(OO: CHICAGO)

CARUSO is a leader in racket activity on Chicago's near south side. He assumed leadership of same from his father-in-law, BRUNO ROTI who died in 1956. CARUSO is assisted in his hoodlum control by his brothers, JOSEPH "SHOES" JAMES and MAURICE FRANK, also known as "MUTT". A close associate of CARUSO is JAMES " THE BOMBER" CATURA who assists CARUSO, in his operation as well as controlling Chicago's far south side.

[redacted] b7D

It is requested that subscriber to aforementioned Cleveland number be determined and indices of the Cleveland Office checked to determine if that individual is involved in hoodlum activities or whether that telephone could be utilized in gambling matters. It is noted that CARUSO's involvement in hoodlum activities includes wire room operations and on-track bookmaking.

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VLI SAC, CHICAGO (92-1438)

FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka
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(OO: CHICAGO)

Inquiry concerning hoodlum activities relating to CARUSO has identified his paramour as VIOLA BURKHARDT (BURKHARDI), 4900 North Marine Drive, Chicago, as being the owner of a 1964 white Cadillac convertible bearing current Illinois license FF 3287.

Inquiry has c[illegible]ned that CARUSO is keeping BURKHARDT and that she [illegible] gainfully employed. It would also appear tha[illegible] urchased the above car for her.

Springfield is requested to review records at the Auto Registration Section, Secretary of State's Office, Springfield to determine information listed therein concerning license number FF 3287. Also the Driver's License Section, Secretary of State's Office should also be checked to determine if BURKHARDT has a current driver's license.

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2-Springfield
1-Chicago

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1438) DATE: 3/31/66

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (92-1301)(RUC)

SUBJECT: FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka
Frank A. Skid
Skid Frank Spino
Frank Spino
Frank Burkhardi
"Skid"
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(OO:CG)

ReCGlet to CV, 2/28/66.

In above relet, the Cleveland Office was requested to determine the subscriber to Cleveland phone # 961-8769.

A review of the 1965 Haines Criss-Cross Telephone Directory for the Greater Cleveland, Ohio area, disclosed that Cleveland telephone # 961-8769 is listed to ORAZIO CORTE, 1330 W. 70th St., Cleveland. The 1965 Cleveland City Directory revealed CORTE's employment as Yardman, St. John's Hospital, Cleveland, [redacted] b6 b7C

A check with [redacted] on 3/25/66, by Clerk [redacted] failed to disclose any record of ORAZIO or [redacted]

An examination of the records of the Cleveland PD and files of the Cleveland FBI Office on 3/28/66, disclosed no info identifiable with ORAZIO CORTE [redacted] b6 b7C

In view of the above, no toll check was conducted on CORTE's telephone, and no additional investigation being conducted by Cleveland unless advised to the contrary by office of origin.

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Agents Raid Wireroom, Nab Records

Federal agents yesterday raided a wireroom at 3312 Carpenter st., which reportedly handled large scale horse and sports bets under auspices of Frank [Skid] Caruso, a mob gambling boss.

Agents of the internal revenue service, accompanied by Chicago police, broke thru the door of a room at the rear of a single family brick dwelling and arrested Dominick Scalfara, 45, of 5227 W. 27th st., as he sought to destroy betting records of the joint.

Agents Answer Phones

The records were kept on paper which dissolves quickly when dipped into water.

During the next 30 minutes, the agents handled more than 60 telephone calls from bettors. Four telephones were confiscated.

The wireroom had been under the almost daily surveillance of the IRS agents since Feb. 9.

Commissioner Grants Warrants

The arrest was announced by Eugene Coyle, district IRS director. Erwin Katz, an assistant United States attorney, obtained warrants for the raid from United States Commissioner C. S. Bentley Pike.

Scalfara was charged with failing to purchase a $50 federal wagering tax stamp and failing to register with the IRS as a bookmaker. If convicted he could be imprisoned for a year and fined $10,000 on each charge. He was released on $1,000 bond.

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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PD Chgo Ill	Frank Furillo #PF 12-10-39	6-17-61	inv	
PD Chgo Ill	Dominic Errico #98558	4-6-65	gamb	
USM Chgo Ill	Dominic Scalfaro #65336	4-1-66	gamb stamp	

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SCALFARO, DOMINIC 1-65 92-1438-85p.3

Employed as a Bookkeeper; Born Dec. 2, 1921, 5'10". 175 pounds

SCALFARO, DOMINIC 3-65 92-1438-96 p.2

SCALFARO, DOMINIC 5-65 92-1438-85p.3

Born December 2. 1921, 5'10", 175 pounds

SCALFARO, DOMINIC 6-65 92-1438-108 p.2

SCALFARO, DOMINIC 8-65 92-1438-109 p.2

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1438)

DATE: 4/20/66
Attn: SA JAMES L. O'CONNOR

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka
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CARUSO is the gambling and rackets boss on Chicago's near south side, commonly referred to as the "Patch" area. It is highly probably that he is a member of the LCN inasmuch as his father-in-law, BRUNO ROTI, is now dead and CARUSO assumed control in that area following his death in 1956. ROTI was known as "mustache" and was frequently visited by AL CAPONE.

In connection with activities inthe CARUSO group, CARUSO assisted his brothers, MORRIS, also known as, "MUTT" JAMES AND JOSEPH, also known as"SHOES ".

On 7/7/65, telephone numbet 727-9155 at Joliet was called from the number subscribed to by CARUSO.

On 6 occasions in November, 1965, aforementioned number was called from the number subscribed to by MORRIS CARUSO.

It has been determined that aforementioned number is subscribed to by JOHN B. GINNETTI, 1801 Barthloane, Joliet, Cresthill, Joliet, Illinois.

Chicago references reflect that the Georgia State Police on 3/1/63, stopped a 1961 Cadillac, subsequently determined to be owned by JOHN GINNETTI, 2301 Barthloane, Joliet, for questioning. MORRIS CARUSO, WILLIAM RANDOLPH, described as being born on 6/18/24, and residing in Joliet, and [redacted] were operating the vheicle. Mrs. GINNETTI subsequently advised the Georgia State Police that her husband had given permission for CARUSO to drive the car to Chicago from Florida and that CARUSO had accompanied her husband to Florida in the car.

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On 4/26/65, SAJAMES L. O'CONNOR obtained from the Credit Bureau of Will County, Illinois, Joliet, information which disclosed that J. B. GINNETTI, JR. had been known to that Bureau since December, 1947, and had a favorable credit record. His wife's name was OLGA. He was 26 years of age in 1948. In February, 1955, he was the subject of a court case

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in Will County and was charged as being the keeper of a gambling house. He was fined $1,000 plus cost.

[redacted] Cook County, Illinois Sheriff's Office, advised SA JAMES L. O'CONNOR on 4/26/65, regarding above arrest on 1/28/55. He was residing at 355 Columbus Street, according to [redacted]

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In connection with the investigation of [redacted] and associate of the hoodlum element in the Chicago area, that telephone number 727-9155. was one of the numbers mentioned in communication with [redacted] activities.

LEAD

AT JOLIET, ILLINOIS. It is requested that JOHN GINNETTI, 1801 Barthloane, Cresthill, Joliet, Illinois, be interviewed to determine his knowledge of the CARUSO brothers and his possible implication with them in gamblimg and hoodlum activities.

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 3/7/66

JAMES "MC GEE" BULLANO, 3206 South Princeton, Chicago, was contacted shortly after he departed his residence. He exhibited a friendly attitude and furnished the following information:

Since last November he has been out of work, having closed his tavern at 3258 South Princeton due to the lack of business. He currently receives financial help from relatives and is utilizing his savings to get by. He hopes to land employment as a ticket seller at the Chicago race tracks when the season opens and has made appropriate contacts with TOMMY MUNIZZO, a political figure in the neighborhood who is close to Mayor RICHARD J. DALEY, and other political leaders from the neighborhood. He is being held up in this regard inasmuch as it it necessary to await the result of the charge against him when arrested with [redacted] on August 26, 1965. At the same time, MORRIS CARUSO and [redacted] were arrested and charged with operating a wire room on the second floor of above address. He has been told that the charges against [redacted] and himself will be dropped but not until the case against CARUSO and [redacted] is tried this coming June. b6 b7C

PULLANO stated several years ago he worked in wire rooms and various bookmaking establishments, but for the last few years he has not been involved in any organized activity. He stated it certainly is not worth taking the chance to serve a felony conviction to make no more than a wire room operator makes.

PULLANO stated that contrary to any information the FBI might have, that bookmaking in the area is practically negligible to what it was in the past. He is acquainted with FRANK CARUSO and CARUSO's many associates; however, he is not associated with them in any business dealings.

PULLANO stated he was born and raised in the area of Polk and State Streets and his mother still lives there. He had one brother who died in 1954 of cancer.

On 3/1/66 at Chicago, Illinois File# 92-1438-151

by SAs JOHN J. OTTSINGER & [redacted] pm Date dictated 3/3/66 b6 b7C

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He is not closely related to "CHICKEN" PULLANO who allegedly was active in gambling matters and "STARCHY" PULLAN who was killed in gangland style.

Regarding his association with [redacted] he stated he has known [redacted] for several years and has frequently visited him at his tavern. Since their arrest, [redacted] has been seriously ill and worried about the outcome of same. Because of this arrest it appears that [redacted] might lose his business.

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From interrogation and observation PULLANO is described as follows:

Age	57
Race	White
Sex	Male
Residence	3206 S. Princeton
Marital Status	Married, second marriage, has daughter by first wife
Height	5'6"
Weight	150
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown, graying
Occupation	Bartender
Automobile	Driving 1966 two-door Oldsmobile, white in color, with 1966 Illinois License AA9585 (PULLANO stated he recently traded his 1960 Oldsmobile for same)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	4/21/66	2/18 - 4/12/66

TITLE OF CASE

FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] b6 b7C

TYPED BY: RR

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] dated 2/25/66. b6 b7C
Cleveland letter to Chicago dated 3/31/66. (IO)
Chicago letter to Cleveland dated 2/28/66. (IO)

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ENCLOSURES

TO THE BUREAU (2)

Two copies of characterization memorandum.

LEADS

CHICAGO

AT JOLIET, ILLINOIS. Will interview JOHN B. GINNETTI, **COVER PAGE**

Pending over one year - Yes
Pending prosecution over six months - No

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CG 92-1438

1801 Barthloane, Cresthill, Joliet, Illinois, to determine his association with CARUSO and knowledge of CARUSO's gambling and hoodlum associates.

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. Will follow activities of CARUSO through contacts with informants and individuals acquainted with him.

2. Will await coverage of lead at Springfield to determine ownership of automobile being driven by subject's paramour, bearing current Illinois license, FF 3287.

3*. Will follow subject's appearance in court in connection with his indictment by the Cook County Grand Jury concerning a gambling matter.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

[redacted]

INFORMANTS

Cg T-1 [redacted] Contacted on 3/1/66 by SA JOHN J. OITZINGER

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Cg T-2 [redacted] Contacted on 4/6/66 by SA [redacted]

Cg T-3 [redacted] Contacted on 4/4/66 by SA JOHN J. OITZINGER

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Cg T-4

by SA

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FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Chicago b6 b7C
Date: 4/21/66

Field Office File #: 92-1438 Bureau File #: 92-7067

Title: FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Gambling revenue of CARUSO and partner, JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATUARA, curtailed. CARUSO's wireroom operation raided. Court Case for CARUSO pending. CARUSO [redacted] b7D Bookmaking practically negligible to what it was in the past in CARUSO's area according to JAMES "MC GEE" PULLANO. Subscribers to telephone numbers called from telephone subscribed to by CARUSO identified: CARUSO's paramour drives 1964 white Cadillac Convertible with current Illinois license FF 3287.

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CG 92-1438

DETAILS:

GAMBLING ACTIVITY

Cg T-1 advised that CARUSO and JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATUARA, partners, in gambling activities on Chicago's south side, have had their revenue curtailed immensely due to the increased pressure by law enforcement on bookmaking operations. When FRANK "STRONGY" FERRARO was alive, they were directly responsible to him concerning their activities. It is noted FERRARO died on August 24, 1964.

WIREROOM RAID

Cg T-2 advised that DOMINIC SCALFARA, who has long been active in the CARUSO group and generally a wireroom operator, in same, was recently arrested in a wireroom operation on Carpenter Street.

The Chicago Tribune issue of April 2, 1966, page 6, column 1, carried an article "Agents Raid Wireroom Nab Records". Wherein it was reported that agents of the Internal Revenue Service raided a wireroom at 3312 Carpenter Street, which reportedly handled large scale horse and sport bets under auspices of FRANK "SKID" CARUSO a mob gambling boss.

This article stated that the agents were accompanied by the Chicago Police when they broke through the door of a room of a single family brick dwelling and arrested DOMINIC SCALFARA, 45, 522 West 27th Street, as he sought to destroy betting records. The records were kept on dissolving type paper. During the following 30 minutes following the arrest the agents handled more than 60 telephone calls from bettors. Four telephones were confiscated.

The article indicated that SCALFARA was charged with failure to purchase a $50 Federal Wagering Tax Stamp and failing to register with Internal Revenue Service as a bookmaker.

COURT APPEARANCE

It was previously reported that CARUSO had been indicted by a Cook County Grand Jury in connection with his being arrested on a gambling charge on July 15, 1965.

April 12, 1966, [redacted] Vice Control Division, Gambling Section, Chicago Police Department, advised a court date has not as yet been set for CARUSO in regard to his arrest on a gambling charge on July 15, 1965. b6 b7C

FINANCIAL PROBLEMS

Cg T-1 advised that [redacted] b7D

It is noted that [redacted]

Cg T-3 advised [redacted]

ALLEGED ASSOCIATE

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TELEPHONE INFORMATION

It was previously reported that [redacted] b7D

The Information Section, Illinois Bell Telephone, disclosed on February 10, 1966, that telephone number 227-9155 is subscribed to by JOHN B. GINNETTI, 1801 Barthloane, Crest-hill, Joliet, Illinois.

The Georgia State Police advised that MORRIS CARUSO, WILLIAM RANDOLPH, and [redacted] were arrested on March 1, 1963, at Valdosta, Georgia, while driving a 1961 Cadillac, bearing Illinois license 6912. When stopped for inquiry, they had no proof of ownership, but stated the car was owned by JOHN GINNETTI, 1801 Barthloane, Joliet, Illinois. Mrs. GINNETTI advised the Georgia State Police on March 1, 1963, that her husband had given permission for CARUSO to drive the car from Florida to Chicago, and that CARUSO had accompanied her husband to Florida in the car. b6 b7C

CARUSO was identified as being of the white race, male, having been born on October 28, 1917, and residing in Chicago. RANDOLPH was described as being a white male, being born on June 18, 1924, and residing in Joliet. [redacted] was described as being a white male, being born on [redacted] and being a resident of Chicago. b6 b7C

On April 26, 1965, in connection with another investigation, by the FBI, SA JAMES L. O'CONNOR obtained from the Credit Bureau of Will County, Illinois, at Joliet, information which disclosed that JOHN B. GINNETTI, JR. has been known to that Bureau since December, 1947. He maintained a favorable credit record. His wife's name is OLGA. He was 26 years of age in 1948.

In February, 1955, he was the subject of a court case in Will County and was charged as being the keeper of a gambling house. He was fined $1,000 plus cost.

[redacted] Cook County, Illinois, Sheriff's Office advised SA O'CONNOR on April 26, 1965, that JOHN B. GINNETTI was arrested as a keeper of a gambling house on January 28, 1955. He was released on bond the same day. No disposition was made of that arrest. b6 b7C

In connection with another FBI investigation in 1965, it was determined that telephone number [redacted] was one of the numbers mentioned in connection with the activities of [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] has been active in bookmaking and associates with the hoodlum element in the Chicago area.

In 1965, Hawes' Criss-Cross Telephone Directory for the greater Cleveland, Ohio, area lists telephone number 961-8769 as being subscribed to by ORAZIO CORTE, 1330 West 70th Street, Cleveland. The 1965 Cleveland City Directory reveals CORTE's employment as yardman, St. John's Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio. His wife's name is LUCY.

Records of the Cleveland Police Department checked on March 28, 1966, failed to disclose information identifiable with CORTE. Files of the Cleveland Office did not contain any information identifiable with CORTE.

GIRL FRIEND

Cg T-4 advised that CARUSO's paramour, VIOLA BURKHARDI, who resides at 4900 North Marine Drive, Chicago, drives a 1964 Cadillac Convertible, white in color. The car is parked in the garage at that address.

Cg T-4 stated that it is possible that aforementioned car, which currently has Illinois license FF 3287 is possibly owned by CARUSO's brother, MORRIS.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
April 20, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 92-1438

Title FRANK TONY CARUSO

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Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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Chicago, Illinois
April 20, 1966

FRANK TONY CARUSO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above at Chicago. [redacted] b6 b7C

CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

Chicago T-1 is acquainted with subject and activities relating to the hoodlum element in Caruso's area of control.

Chicago T-2 is in a position to furnish information concerning some of the activities of subject and associates.

Chicago T-3 is knowledgeable concerning hoodlum activities relating to the subject.

Chicago T-4 is acquainted with activities concerning the hoodlum element in the Chicago area.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Chicago (92-1438) DATE: 5-11-66

FROM : SAC, Springfield (166-79) -RUC-

SUBJECT: FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka.
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(OO: CG)

Reurlet to Springfield dated 3-23-66.

The following investigation was conducted by IC JOSEPH D. HAMMITT:

[redacted] Auto Registration Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, advised on 5-3-66 that 1966 Illinois license FF-3287 was issued 10-5-65 to JOHN E. O'CONNOR, 4920 Marine Drive, Chicago, Illinois, for a 1963 Cadillac convertible, VIN 63F094638. On 2-25-66 a corrected registration card for this license was issued to GENEVIEVE O'CONNOR, 4920 Marine Drive, Chicago, Illinois, for above-mentioned 1963 Cadillac, driver's license #025262952-2851. The reason given for requiring this corrected registration card was that JOHN E. O'CONNOR is deceased and GENEVIEVE O'CONNOR is his surviving spouse.

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[redacted] also advised that a check of records for 1965 and 1966 failed to reflect any vehicles registered or titled to a VIOLA BURKHARDT or a VIOLA BURKHARDI.

[redacted] Driver's License Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, advised on 5-5-66 that driver's license #0256-2952-2851 was issued 8-23-65 to GENEVIEVE P. O'CONNOR, 4920 Marine Drive, Chicago, Illinois. This license expires 9-3-66 and describes her as 5'3", 128 lbs., DOB 9-3-22, brown hair and brown eyes.

[redacted] also advised that records failed to reflect any driver's license issued to a VIOLA BURKHARDT or to a VIOLA BURKHARDI.

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LOUIS BRIATTA
AR
(SI file 92-551)
(CG file 92-1372)
(OO: Chicago)

FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka.
Frank A. Skid,
Skid Frank Spino,
Frank Spino,
Frank Burkhardi,
"Skid"
AR
(SI file 166-79)
(CG file 92-1438)
(OO: Chicago)

Captioned subjects are involved in hoodlum activities on Chicago's near south side and in connection with the investigation of same. No information has been developed to indicate that either of these individuals were in the military service during World War II. FBI Identification records for each failed to reflect their being fingerprinted in connection with military service. Concerning CARUSO, photographs have been observed indicating he was in the United States Army.

BRIATTA was born on November 2, 1908, in Chicago, has resided for many years at 1074 West Polk, is 5'6" in height, has brown hair, blue eyes and a medium complexion.

CARUSO was born on November 29, 1911, in either Chicago or possibly Italy and has resided at 215 West 23rd Street, Chicago, for many years. He is 5'6" in height, has brown hair and blue eyes and a medium complexion.

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AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. It is requested that records at the Selective Service Headquarters System for the State of Illinois be reviewed for information concerning captioned subjects which should indicate whether or not they were inducted into the Armed Service and what branch of service. Pertinent information from these records should be furnished office of origin.

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RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

Orally _____ date By Telephone 5/2/66 date Written Communication _____ date

Information concerning:

Frank Caruso's wiretapping
Dominic Scalfaro

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

92-1438

Information furnished was obtained:

- [x] during course of Bureau investigation
- [ ] from informants
- [ ] from complainants or other sources

Information furnished to: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

Remarks: [redacted]

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DIRECTOR, FBI (92-7067) 5/27/66

SAC, CHICAGO (92-1438)

FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka.
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OO: Chicago

Re Bureau letter dated 5/25/66 entitled, "CIP CONCERNING LCN INFORMATION FOR THE ADP PROGRAM."

Information requested by the Bureau was set forth in the report of SA [redacted] dated 2/25/66 at Chicago, in the Administrative Section of the cover pages and on page 8 of the report. b6 b7C

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	6/22/66	4/13 - 6/14/66

TITLE OF CASE

FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka.

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] b6 b7C

TYPED BY: flk

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] dated 4/21/66, at Chicago. b6 b7C
Chicago letter to Springfield dated 5/19/66 (IO).
Springfield letter to Chicago dated 5/11/66 (IO).

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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU

Two (2) copies of a characterization memorandum.

LEADS

CHICAGO

AT JOLIET, ILLINOIS. Will interview JOHN B. GINNETTI, 1801 Barth Loane Cresthill, Joliet, to determine his association

Pending Over One Year - Yes
Pending Prosecution Over Six Months - No

APPROVED: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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NOTATIONS

with CARUSO and knowledge of CARUSO's gambling and hoodlum associates.

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. Will follow activities of CARUSO through contacts with informants and individuals acquainted with him.

2. Will follow subject's appearance in court in connection with his indictment by the Cook County Grand Jury concerning his arrest on a gambling matter on 7/15/65.

ADMINISTRATIVE

[redacted] VICD, Chicago Police Department, advised on 6/3/66, that CARUSO's court appearance has not as yet been set forth regarding the gambling charge against him for statements from his being arrested on 7/15/65. b6 b7C

The lead to interview JOHN B. GINNETTI has not been covered to date.

Regarding information set forth in referenced report that subject's paramour, VIOLA BURKHARDI, was thought to be the owner of a 1966 Cadillac convertible bearing current Illinois License FF3287, the Springfield Office set forth information in referenced letter indicating that aforementioned license was issued on 10/5/65, to JOHN E. O'CONNOR, 4920 Marine Drive, for a 1963 Cadillac convertible. A corrective registration was listed on 2/25/66, for above automobile which was registered the same to GENEVIEVE O'CONNOR, the wife of deceased JOHN E. O'CONNOR.

The Springfield Office also advised that records failed to reflect any driver's license or automobile registration being listed to VIOLA BURKHARDI or VIOLA BURKHARDT.

INFORMANTS

Source	Date Contacted	Contacting Agent
CG T-1 [redacted]	4/19 and 5/25/66	SA [redacted] b6 b7C b7D
CG T-2 [redacted]	4/14/66	SA HERBERT F. BRIICK

FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Chicago b6 b7C

Date: 6/22/66

Field Office File #: 92-1433 Bureau File #: 92-7067

Title: FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Barring of brother MORRIS from Chicago race tracks has cut into income of CARUSO's group. CARUSO observed with DOMINIC SCALFARA on 4/29/66, at C & K Cut Rate Liquors [redacted] of CARUSO. CARUSO at above business location on a daily basis. When interviewed on 4/29/66, SCALFARA would not discuss knowledge of CARUSO other than being his brother-in-law. On 5/4/66, brother JAMES would not discuss CARUSO's activities. CARUSO's bookmaking "action" formerly served by ERNEST SANSONE's wire service. CARUSO's operation was centered in the China Town area of Chicago. He quit receiving service from same on 7/1/65. b6 b7C

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DETAILS:

Barred From Chicago Race Tracks

CG T-1 advised that due to the barring of MORRIS CARUSO from the Chicago race tracks that same had cut into the income of CARUSO's group inasmuch as CARUSO and another brother were also barred from same. In the past MORRIS was able to make a considerable amount of money at the tracks.

Activity

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 5, 1966

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The following observations were noted:

At 2:00 P.M. FRANK CARUSO was observed at the business address, 234 West Cermak Road, Chicago, which houses C & K Cut-Rate Liquors. DOMINIC SCALFARA was observed in conversation with him at above store.

At 2:10 P.M. CARUSO was observed to utilize the pay telephone located in a booth outside the C & K Cut-Rate Liquor Store. He did not institute a call but received a call from same.

On 4/29/66 at Chicago, Illinois File # 92-1438

SA JOHN J. OITZINGER

by SA [redacted] djm Date dictated 5/2/66

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It was previously reported that [redacted] b7E

CG T-1 advised that CARUSO spends a considerable amount of time and usually on a daily basis at C & K Cut Rate Liquors, 234 West Cermak Road, Chicago, operated by his son and son-in-law.

Interview with Brother-In-Law DOMINIC SCALFARA

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date May 5, 1966

At about 1:30 P.M. DOMINIC SCALFARA was observed to depart his residence, 522 West 27th Street, Chicago. He was approached and furnished the following information to SAS JOHN J. OITZINGER and [redacted], who identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation: b6 b7C

He resides at aforementioned address with his wife and children. He has resided in that address for the past three years. He formerly resided at 24th Street and Kentworth Avenue. He is 44 years of age and [redacted] b6 b7C

He is currently unemployed and in the past has held various odd jobs including that of a bartender. He sees CARUSO frequently; however, in connection with allegations concerning CARUSO being a racketeer, he knows nothing concerning same. In addition he considers himself a "nobody". He has been arrested in the past on gambling charges; however, he has never been convicted. There is currently a gambling charge pending against him by the Internal Revenue Service involving his being arrested on April 1, 1966. He does not file an income tax statement because he does not make enough money to support one. The only name he is known by other than his true name is the name "PAUST". He did not care to discuss his brother-in-law, FRANK CARUSO.

SCALFARA stated he did not own a car but indicated he was driving his brother-in-law's car which was parked in front of his residence and which was a 1966 black Ford, two-door, hardtop, bearing current Illinois license 783-440. Following the interview he drove from his residence in that car.

From observation and interrogation, DOMINIC SCALFARA is described as follows:

Age	44
Residence	522 West 27th Street
Height	5'9"
Weight	160 pounds

On 4/20/66 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 92-1433

SA JOHN J. OITZINGER

by SA [redacted] djm/flk Date dictated 5/2/66 b6 b7C

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Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown (receding)
Complexion	Dark
Marital Status	Married, 6 children, [redacted]
Occupation	Various odd jobs including that of a bartender
Employment	Unemployed

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Interview With Brother JAMES

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 5/12/66

JAMES CARUSO was observed at Sportsman's Park at approximately 3:30 p.m. He acknowledged the presence of the Agents and in the conversation that issued, wondered if the Agents were checking on him.

He stated he has worked all his life, having started when he was 14 years of age, after having paid $5 to obtain an altered birth certificate. He originally worked for the O'Cedar Mop Company in Chicago and later worked for the South Water Market in Chicago for many years. He now owns and operates the J. C. Grill, 2604 South Wentworth, Chicago.

CARUSO stated he has never been bothered by law enforcement officials, primarily because he has never violated the law. He has never been convicted of a crime and is certainly no "convict". He has brothers whom the Agents are knowledgeable of, and he did not care to discuss their personalities or business. He stated his brother, MORRIS, had worked for many years.

CARUSO stated he sees no reason to talk to the police or the FBI, if he is not being questioned concerning some particular interest because he feels it brings unnecessary "heat" on himself.

On 5/4/66 at Cicero, Illinois File # CG 92-1433

by SAs JOHN J. OITZINGER [redacted] DAG dictated 5/6/66

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Past Bookmaking Activity

CG T-2 advised that [redacted] b7D

CG T-2 advised that [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
June 22, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

92-1438

Title FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Chicago, Illinois
June 22, 1966

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FRANK TONY CARUSO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above. b6 b7C

CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

Chicago T-1 is in a position to furnish some information concerning the activities of the subject.

Chicago T-2 is knowledgeable concerning wire room and bookmaking activities in the Chicago area.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 5, 1966

The following observations were noted:

At 2:00 P.M. FRANK CARUSO was observed at the business address, 234 West Cermak Road, Chicago, which houses C & K Cut-Rate Liquors. DOMINIC SCALFARA was observed in conversation with him at above store.

At 2:10 P.M. CARUSO was observed to utilize the pay telephone located in a booth outside the C & K Cut-Rate Liquor Store. He did not institute a call but received a call from same.

On 4/29/66 at Chicago, Illinois File# 92-1438-165

by SA JOHN J. OTTINGER / SA [redacted] djm Date dictated 5/2/66

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RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

Orally _____ date By Telephone 6-23-66 date Written Communication _____ date

Information concerning:

Frank Rotti

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

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Information furnished was obtained:

- [x] during course of Bureau investigation
- [ ] from informants
- [ ] from complainants or other sources

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Information furnished to: [redacted] Intelligence Unit

Remarks: Info furnished re funeral & wake of Frank Rotti at 26th + Wentworth

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SAC, SPRINGFIELD (166-79) - RUC -
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LOUIS BRIATTA
AR
(SI File 92-551)
(CG File 92-1372)
(OO: CHICAGO)

FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka
AR
(SI File 166-79)
(CG File 92-1438)
(OO: CHICAGO)

Reurlet to Springfield dated 5/19/66.

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The following investigation was conducted by IC JOSEPH D. HAMMITT:

[redacted] Selective Service Headquarters, Springfield, Illinois, advised on 6/29/66 that registration card for LOUIS BRIATTA, Order #1147, reflects his address at time of registration as 1062 West Polk Street, Chicago, Illinois; the person who will always know his address [redacted] Illinois. He also advised that this card reflects his employer as City of Chicago, Bureau of Streets, City Hall, Chicago, Illinois, and that he registered 10/16/40 with local board #61, 800 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois, and went into the Navy 3/27/44 or 4/5/44, had a 1-A classification on 10/23/43 and 3/18/44, a 3-D hardship classification on 4/20/44 and a 2-A occupational deferrement classification on 7/26/44 and 6/12/45 and a 4-A over age classification on 9/20/45. [redacted] also advised that BRIATTA's classification record reflects a date of birth of 11/20/08.

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[redacted] also advised that registration card for FRANK TONY CARUSO, Order #0040, reflects his

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address at time of registration as 215 West 23 Street, Chicago, Illinois, and the person who will always know his address as his wife, Mrs. KATHERINE CARUSO, He also advised that this record reflects his employer as Bureau of Street, 1st Ward, 26th Street, Chicago, Illinois, and reflects that he registered with Local Board #80, 2523 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, ~~Illinois, on 2/16/42~~ and was probably accepted for service in the Army on 12/22/43 and was discharged on 5/12/45.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	8/22/66	6/15 - 8/11/66

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TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka	SA [redacted]	sfm
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
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REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] 6/22/66, at Chicago.
Springfield letter to Chicago 7/7/66. (IO)

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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU (2)

Two (2) copies of Letterhead Memorandum characterizing informants.

LEADS

CHICAGO

* AT JOLIET, ILLINOIS. Will interview JOHN B. GINNETTI, 1801 Barthlone, Crest Hill, to determine his association with CARUSO and knowledge of CARUSO's gambling and hoodlum association.

Case has been: Pending over one year [X] Yes [ ] No; Pending prosecution over six months [ ] Yes [X] No

APPROVED VKL SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow activities of CARUSO through contacts with informants and individuals acquainted with him.

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INFORMANTS

Source	Date Contacted	Contacting Agent
CG T-1 is [redacted]	6/24&8/2/66	SA [redacted]
CG T-2 is [redacted]	6/29/66	IC JOSEPH D. HAMMITT
CG T-3 is [redacted]	6/15/66	SA JOHN J. OITZINGER
CG T-4 is [redacted]	5/20/66	SA VINCENT L. INSERRA

FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Chicago b6 b7C
Date: 8/22/66

Field Office File #: 92-1438 Bureau File #: 92-7067

Title: FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: CARUSO's [redacted] CARUSO in U.S. Army from 12/22/43, to 5/12/45. CARUSO getting mortgage on property on 22nd Street in order to raise money. Bookmaking action down in CARUSO's area. CARUSO's bookmakers calling customers to get bets and also use code to accept bets over telephone. Floating dice game operated by CARUSO raided by police on 7/10/66. Disposition of arrest of CARUSO on 7/15/65 made on 8/12/66. Charge "SOL"(stricken with leave to reinstate). DOMINICK SCALFARO, brother-in-law of CARUSO and [redacted] front tavern at 2900 South Normal for CARUSO. b6 b7C

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DETAILS:

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CG T-1 advised that [redacted]

Military Service

CG T-2 furnished information which disclosed that FRANK TONY CARUSO registered with Local Draft Board #80, Chicago, Illinois on February 16, 1942. He was residing at 215 West 23rd Street, Chicago, at the time with his wife CATHERINE, and she was listed as the one always knowing his whereabouts. At that time he was employed by the Bureau of Streets, 1st Ward area in Chicago. He was in the United States Army from December 22, 1943, until his discharge on May 12, 1945.

Death of Relative

CG T-1 advised that the brother-in-law of CARUSO, FRANK ROTI, died on June 21, 1966. His funeral was held on June 24, 1966. FRANK ROTI held a city job most of his life and was responsible for hiring many individuals who assisted CARUSO in racket operations.

Finances

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CG T-3 advised that [redacted]

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Bookmaking

CG T-3 advised that [redacted] b7D

CG T-1 advised that [redacted] b7D

Dice Game

CG T-4, advised of a [redacted] b7D

The above information was furnished to [redacted] b6 b7C 21st District, Chicago Police Department in May, 1966.

On August 4, 1966 [redacted] advised that investigation was conducted in an effort to identify aforementioned game and the operation of same. Investigation disclosed that on occasion and generally on Sundays, a dice game was in operation in the vicinity of the Mayburn Club. It generally involved only a half dozen individuals from the immediate local. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that on July 10, 1966, at about 5:15 p.m., his officers made a raid of the dice game and arrested the following individuals: b6 b7C

[redacted]

PETER DIGRAZIA, 230 West 26th Street, born in 1907; and [redacted]

[redacted] stated that on August 3, 1966, the disposition of those arrested was made and defendant [redacted] was given "leave, file denied" and the others were "ex-partee." Each was fined $25. Money confiscated at the time of arrest was $75. b6 b7C

It is noted that [redacted] are known to the Chicago Office as having been involved in thefts from interstate shipments in the past. [redacted] b6 b7C

Disposition of Arrest on 7/15/65

On August 4, 1966, [redacted] Vice Control Division - Gambling, Chicago Police Department, advised that in connection with the disposition of CARUSO's arrest on July 15, 1965, in connection with a gambling charge, that same was made on August 2, 1966, and the case was "SOL" (Stricken with leave to reinstate). b6 b7C

Business

On July 29, 1966 [redacted] advised SA PAUL B. FRANKFURT [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] indicated that the tavern is now being used as a front for CARUSO by [redacted] and that [redacted] partner is DOMINIC SCALFARO, who is CARUSO's brother-in-law. [redacted] works the tavern at night and during the day is employed by H&W Truck Lines. SCALFARO works the tavern during the day. b6 b7C

Associate

It was previously reported that the telephone number subscribed to by JOHN B. GINNETTI, 1808 Barthelone, Crest Hill Joliet, Illinois, was called from the number subscribed to by CARUSO, and that CARUSO's brother MORRIS was acquainted with GINNETTI.

The 1966 Joliet City Directory disclosed that JOHN B. GINNETTI is a clerk at Sportsman and Hawthorne Race Tracks. He resides at 1808 Barthlone, Crest Hill, with his wife OLGA E.

On July 6, 1966, Chief of Police THEODORE LINICH, Crest Hill, advised SA GEORGE H. BENIGNI that he is acquainted with GINNETTI and knows him to "have syndicate connection."

LINICH stated that GINNETTI has a history of being a gambler and bookmaker.

On August 1, 1966, SA BENIGNI determined that GINNETTI was out of town and staying at the Howard Johnson Motel, Washington, Pennsylvania, room 108. He was to be there until August 13, 1966.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
August 22, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Title FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above. b6 b7C

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Chicago, Illinois
August 22, 1966

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FRANK TONY CARUSO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

Chicago T-1 is in a position to furnish some information concerning the activities of Caruso and his associates.

Chicago T-2 is in a position to furnish information concerning those individuals [redacted]

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Chicago T-3 is knowledgable concerning hoodlum activities on Chicago's south side.

Chicago T-4 is acquainted with individuals in the hoodlum element in the Chicago area.

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Information concerning:

FRANK CARUSO

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

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Information furnished was obtained:

- [x] during course of Bureau investigation
- [x] from informants
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Information furnished to:

21st Dist CPD

Remarks:

Information regarding Caruso group operation & discussion meeting of 31st & Pennsylvania

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Information concerning:

Frank Caruso

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

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- [x] from informants
- [ ] from complainants or other sources

Information furnished to: [redacted] CPD VCD- Hamilling

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Remarks:

Information regarding Caruso's dice game control.

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Information concerning:

Frank Caruso

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- [✓] ~~from~~ informants
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Information furnished to: [redacted] IU, CPD

Remarks:

Information furnished concerning Caruso's being at Sportsman Park where [redacted] works as days H.

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SAC, CHICAGO (92-1438) 8/5/66
Atten; SA [redacted]

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SA GEORGE H. BENIGNI

FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka
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The 1965 Joliet, Illinois City Directory disclosed that JOHN B. GINNETTI, wife, OLGA E., is a clerk at Sportsman and Hawthorne Race Tracks. He resides at 1808 Barthelone Street, Crest Hill, Illinois.

On 7/6/66, Chief of Police THEODORE LINICH, Crest Hill, Illinois Police Department advised that he could locate no arrest record for GINNETTI. He said that he is personally acquainted with GINNETTI and knows him to "have syndicate connection." He stated that he formed this opinion of GINNETTI through associations and rumors. He said that approximately five years ago he, LINICH, was a musician and played in taverns in the area of Joliet, Illinois and frequently would see GINNETTI and his associates. He stated that although he did not know GINNETTI's associates by name, they had reputations of being members of the "syndicate."

Chief LINICH said that GINNETTI has a history of being a gambler and or bookmaker and he does not know his current source of income. He further advised that he will attempt to develop current information on GINNETTI and advise the FBI of the information he developes.

On 8/1/66, efforts to locate GINNETTI was unsucessful. It was determined that GINNETTI was currently staying at the Howard Johnson Motel, Washington, Pennsylvania, Room 108, until 8/13/66.

LEADS

CHICAGO

AT CREST HILL, ILLINOIS. 1. Will maintain contact with Chief TED LINICH regarding information on GINNETTI.

2. Will attempt to locate and interview GINNETTI upon his return to Crest Hill, Illinois.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1438)

DATE: 8/5/66

FROM : SA PAUL B. FRANKFURT

SUBJECT: FRANK "SKID" CARUSO

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It is to be noted [redacted] suggested the writer talk to [redacted]

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1- Gambling Control file 162-14
1- [redacted]

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SAC, ST. LOUIS 9/13/66

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LOUIS BRIATTA
AR
CG FILE 92-1372

FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka
"Skid",
Frank A. Skid,
Skid Frank Spino,
Frank Spino,
Frank Burk Hardi
AR
CG FILE 92-1438

OO: CHICAGO

The Chicago Office maintains continuing investigations of captioned individuals in view of their involvement in hoodlum matters. Both are identified as hoodlum leaders in their respective areas of Chicago which is on the near South and near Southwest side.

In an attempt to determine complete background concerning captioned individuals and specifically toward their place of birth and military service, it is requested that St. Louis review records of the Military Personnel Records Center to determine information contained in their files.

LOUIS BRIATTA reportedly entered the U.S. Navy on March 27, 1944 or April 5, 1944. He had a 3-D hardship classification on April 20, 1944. There is no indication of the length of time he served in the U.S. Navy. BRIATTA is described as having been born on November 2 or November 20, 1908 stands 5'6" in height, weighs 165 pounds, has brown hair, brown eyes and was residing at 1074 West Polk Street, Chicago at the time of his entry into service.

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ERIATTA was identified as being married.

FRANK TONY CARUSO was in the U.S. Army from December 22, 1943 until his discharge on May 12, 1945. He was residing at 215 West 23rd Street, Chicago at the time of his enlistment and his wife was Mrs. CATHERINE CARUSO. CARUSO is described as having been born on November 29, 1911 in Chicago although stating he was born in Sicily, 5'6" in height, weighs 175 pounds, has black greying hair and brown eyes.

All information concerning background and associates listed in files for captioned subjects should be sent the Office of Origin.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1438)

DATE: September 16, 1966

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka
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On September 8, 1966, JOHN GINNETTI, 1801 Barthloane, Crest Hill, Joliet, Illinois, advised SA GEORGE H. BENIGNI that he is a "professional handicapper" and makes his living playing the horses. He works approximately 3 months a year as a clerk at the Chicago area race tracks. His annual income for the past 10 years has ranged between 8 and $10,000. GINNETTI stated he has been acquainted with MORRIS "MUTT" CARUSO for approximately 8 years and knows him as a frequenter of the tracks and because of their mutual interest in betting. He has met CARUSO's brothers, however, he does not know them well enough to say which is "SHOES" (JOSEPH), or which is FRANK. He has no business or social interest with the CARUSOs other than to have dinner occasionally with "MUTT" when in Chicago.

GINNETTI stated he and "MUTT" will telephone one another to exchange racing information as he does with other horse players in the Chicago area. He would not identify his other contacts.

GINNETTI stated he is acquainted with an individual known to him as [redacted] who is allegedly [redacted] however, he does not know if this person is identical with [redacted] He did not know [redacted] by name.

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GINNETTI denied knowing anything about the background of or operation of the CARUSO brothers and there is no business interest with the brothers outside of their mutual interest in racing. He is not related to the CARUSOs in any way. He has been a life-long resident of the Joliet area and has spent little of his time in Chicago.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	10/20/66	8/15 - 10/12/66

TITLE OF CASE

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FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka
Frank A. Skid, Skid Frank Spino,
Frank Spino, Frank Burkhardi,
"Skid", "Machine Gun Skid"

REPORT MADE BY [redacted]

TYPED BY mab

CHARACTER OF CASE

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Title is changed to reflect the additional name by which subject is also known as "Machine Gun Skid," as furnished by [redacted] on 8/24/66. b7D

REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] dated 8/22/66, at Chicago. Chicago letter to St. Louis dated 9/15/66. IO b6 b7C

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Two copies of a Letterhead Memorandum characterizing informants.

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Case has been: Pending over one year [X] Yes [ ] No; Pending prosecution over six months [ ] Yes [X] No

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LEADS

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. Will follow activities of subject through contacts with individuals acquainted with him and informants.

2. Will await coverage of lead at St. Louis, requested in referenced Chicago letter, which requested that office to obtain pertinent background information from subject's military personnel record file.

INFORMANTS

Source	Date of Contact	Contacting Agent
CG T-1 [redacted]	8/24 and 9/13/66	SA JOHN J. OITZINGER SA MERLE B. HAMRE
CG T-2 [redacted]	9/8/66	SA [redacted]
CG T-3 [redacted]	8/22/66	SA JOHN W. ROBERTS, JR.
CG T-4 [redacted]	9/27/66	SA JOHN R. BASSETT

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Chicago
Date: 10/20/66

Field Office File #: 92-1438 Bureau File #: 92-7067

Title: FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

CARUSO has committed numerous acts of terrorism, and in his early years was nicknamed "Machine Gun Skid." CARUSO identified as having been "made" in organized criminal circle. CARUSO attempted to sell property due to need for finances. JOHN GINNETTI advised 9/8/66, he is a "Professional Handicapper" and is acquainted with CARUSO brothers. He knows them primarily as fellow betters. During night racing at Sportsman Park, CARUSO and brother, MORRIS, watched races from outside of park. Car driven by CARUSO's paramour, VIOLA BURKHARDI, registered to CARUSO's brother, MORRIS.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

92-1438

Chicago, Illinois
October 20, 1966

Title

FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference

Report of Special Agent [redacted] [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Chicago, Illinois
October 20, 1966

FRANK TONY CARUSO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is acquainted with activities concerning members of the hoodlum element in the Chicago area.

CG T-2 is in a position to furnish some information concerning the activities of the subject.

CG T-3 is acquainted with activities relating to the criminal element in the Chicago area.

CG T-4 is knowledgeable concerning activities relating to individuals in organized crime in the Chicago area.

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Information concerning:

Frank Caruso

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

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Information furnished was obtained:

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Information furnished to: [redacted]

21st District, CPD

Remarks:

Info re Caruso's interest in "sneak" dice game in area

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Information concerning:

Frank Caruso

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- [X] from informants
- [ ] from complainants or other sources

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Information furnished to:

[redacted]

Remarks:

Info re Caruso and activity in dice games in area.

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SAC, CHICAGO 10/28/66

SAC, ST. LOUIS (92-1663) (RUC)

LOUIS BRIATTA
AR CG FILE 92-1372

FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka
AR CG FILE 92-1438

OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago letter to St. Louis, 9/13/66.

On 10/20/66, personnel, Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Mo., advised that they were unable to locate or identify a service record for LOUIS BRIATTA, under his known name with the information provided.

On 10/20-21/66, a review of the military records on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Mo., disclosed FRANK TONY CARUSO, serial number 36 781 800, was inducted into the U. S. Army on 12/22/43, at Chicago, Ill. He entered on active duty on 1/12/44, at Fort Sheridan, Ill., and continued on active duty until 5/12/45, at which time he was honorably discharged, as a Private First Class, at Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., by reason of Certificate of Disability for Discharge.

CARUSO had foreign service in the European Theater of Operations from 7/44 to 2/45, and was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Medal, with one Bronze Star.

His character and efficiency ratings ranged from unknown to excellent and there was no record of courts-martial or absence without official leave.

The following psychiatric background information was contained in CARUSO's records and is quoted in part:

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"....The serviceman was born January 23, 1911 in Chicago..... The mother had difficulty in recalling some of the developmental history because she had had so many children, and many years have elapsed since their infancy. She did recall, however, that even as a very young child the serviceman had nightmares. Of the childhood diseases, the soldier had only measles; however, he often had attacks of fever, when he would complain of chills and would tremble constantly.

"When questioned regarding the enuresis the soldier is demonstrating at present, the mother stated he often wet the bed as a young boy and would blame it onto his brother, with whom he slept..... .....This enuresis had manifested itself on several occasions since he has been grown, but his wife denys his wetting the bed during their married life.

"Regarding the feverish condition, this also persisted when he was a young boy. On one occasion some member of the family found him sitting up in the kitchen sink with his head under the running faucet. He said he was 'so hot and there was a fire in his head'; however, when questioned, he said 'there was nothing wrong'.

"The serviceman went as far as the third or fourth grade at the elementary school in the neighborhood. His teachers thought he was 'crazy' and finally had no patience with him and his behavior, and would not accept him into their classrooms. While attending school he was always getting into trouble, either with the teachers or the children.....

"....When the soldier was between the ages of 9 and 12 years, he was run over by a truck at which time he was hit on the head. He was treated at the Peoples' Hospital by a Dr. Gory. He also received treatment from Dr. Formosa.....

"....The soldier has also been treated by a Dr. Manual (Possibly Dr. Nicola Emanuelle) for insomnia and nervousness....

"....As a result of the serviceman's head injury in the above-mentioned automobile accident, his personality changed. His school adjustment was negligible and his adjustment in the community became questionable. In the record

"secured from the Bureau of Criminal Information & Statistics between the period of 1930, when the soldier was 18, to 1943, the soldier was arrested twenty times. Most of the arrests were due to disorderly conduct and he was discharged. Of the more serious charges, one was for burglary, one for fictitious license plates, another for receiving stolen property and the fourth, in 1936, was for grand larceny, when his case was carried over to the Grand Jury but discharged on 'No Bill'. His fines were minor, except in the instance of $100.00 fine for assault. Up to 1931 he used an alias - Frank Skid.

"The physical influence in the soldier's accident resulted in a general nervous upset. At night he would howl and say 'somebody is killing me'....

"....He often lost his temper and would become violent. After this behavior he would cry and say 'it ain't me. It's my head'.....

"....It took the serviceman about a year to adjust himself to his father's death and he drank steadily, his wife said, for about two months. He told her once he was going to be the 'second Jesse James'. He started drinking after his father's death....

"....When the serviceman's brother, Charles, died at the age of seven (the serviceman was 16 or 17 at the time) he was greatly affected by this and demonstrated much grief.

"....The soldier smokes incessantly.... The serviceman's nervousness carrys over into his sleep. His wife advised that at night he is constantly moving about in the bed. When he is awake, he constantly shakes his foot....

"....The soldier 'flys off the handle' very easily. Too much talking or noise irritates him. The childrens' play and their conversation disturbes him. Friends and neighbors that come into the home feel the influence of his behavior, as his sudden exits after they have been in the home a short time is insulting to them and they feel, and have said to his wife, 'that he does not like them'. It keeps the family constantly explaining his behavior.

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"The soldier liked animals and was kind to them. He particularly liked horses. He enjoys speed. The serviceman was always neat and clean. He had no particular hobbies, has an ordinary interest in his religion and before his marriage had the usual attraction to girls and had a number of girlfriends. He is dependable and his mother said he was a 'little bossy' as a child. His continual physical complaint is violent headaches."

On March 14, 1945, CARUSO was afforded a Psychological Examination at Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee. The following are the findings of that examination:

"The Wechsler Test of mental ability, Form B, gives this patient a mental age of 10 years, 6 months. He became discouraged easily while taking the examination and complained at times about things going blank. The general test profile was somewhat irregular, but failed to conform closefully with any of the other generally accepted test profiles indicative of mental diseases. All in all his attitude while taking the test was one characteristic of a psychoneurotic personality than anything else."

s/ William J. Von Lackum
WILLIAM J. VON LACKUM
CAPTAIN, AGD,
Psychologist

The following report dated 5/5/45, at Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, was written by Leo Gelfand, Captain, Medical Corps:

"Caruso, Frank T., 36781800, Pfc., Infantry-Unassigned. Age: 34, white, nativity: Illinois. Service: 8/12. Overseas. Admitted to this hospital 1 March 1945 as a transfer from Mason General Hospital.

"The family history is uneventful. The patient completed the third grade of school at the age of twelve. After that he worked at various odd jobs. His occupational history was irregular. A social history revealed that after

"a truck accident in which he received head injuries at the age of about ten, his personality changed and he was involved in frequent arrests and conflicts with the law. However, his adjustment during the past ten years was apparently satisfactory.

"He received basic training at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, and was sent to France in July 1944, where he was in combat for one month. He was hospitalized with multiple somatic complaints.

"When the patient was admitted to this hospital, he was extremely tense, apprehensive, and preoccupied with many unrelated complaints. He admitted that he was extremely worried about conditions at home and stated that his wife was unable to care for his three children. He expressed the belief that he could perform no type of military duty.

"Physical and neurological examinations were essentially normal. Laboratory examinations were within normal limits.

"DIAGNOSIS: Anxiety reaction, severe, manifested by tension, tremulousness, apprehension, and undue preoccupation with bodily complaints.
Stress: (1) Combat (2) family worries.
Predisposition: Moderate.
Disability: Permanent for any type of military duty; none for normal resumption of civilian activities.
Line of Duty: Yes.
DISPOSITION: Certificate of Disability for Discharge." //

// The following description and background was located in CARUSO's records:

Name:	FRANK TONY CARUSO
Race:	Caucasian
Sex:	Male
Date and place of birth:	11/29/11, Chicago, Ill; 11/29/12, Chicago, Ill; 1/23/11, Chicago, Ill.
Height:	5'3" (1945)
Weight:	158 lbs. (1945)
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown

SL: 92-1663

U.S. Army Serial No.:	36 781 800
Military Occupation:	Infantry-Rifleman
Civilian Occupation:	Street Cleaner - Truck Driver
Education:	failed to complete grammar school.
Addresses:	215 West 23rd St., Chicago, Ill. (1943); 2416 Wentworth Ave., Chicago, Ill. (1945)
Relatives:	PETER CARUSO, father, deceased; FRANCES DEANDRA CARUSO, mother, 2416 Wentworth Ave., Chicago, Ill. (1945); CATHERINE ROTI CARUSO, aka KATE, wife, same address as mother; [redacted] b6 b7C PETER CARUSO and [redacted] er; JOSEPH CARUSO, brother, 2400 Wentworth Ave., Chicago, Ill. (1945).
Photograph:	None available.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	12/28/66	10/13 - 12/14/66

TITLE OF CASE

FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted]

TYPED BY: mr

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] dated 10/20/66, at Chicago. St. Louis letter to Chicago dated 10/28/66, (IO).

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Two (2) copies of a letterhead memorandum characterizing informants.

Case has been: Pending over one year [X] Yes [ ] No; Pending prosecution over six months [ ] Yes [X] No

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LEADS

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

1. Will follow activities of subject through contacts with informants and individuals acquainted with him.

2. Will follow subject's efforts to obtain a liquor license for the leasee of business owned by him.

INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is [redacted] contacted on September 19, 1966, by SA MERLE B. HAMRE. b6 b7C b7D

CG T-2 is [redacted] contacted on October 18 and November 17, 1966, by SA [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Chicago b6 b7C
Date: 12-28-66

Field Office File #: 92-1438 Bureau File #: 92-7067

Title: FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: CARUSO in U. S. Army, 1/12/44 to 5/12/45. He was honorably discharged by reason of "Certificate of Disability for Discharge." Mental and behavior characteristics in military service set out. b7E CARUSO identified as being "made" in Chicago organized crime. CARUSO regularly at Chinatown Liquors operated by his son. [redacted] CARUSO suffered from stomach ailment.

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DETAILS:

Military Service

On October 20, 21, 1966, the Army Service Record for FRANK TONY CARUSO was reviewed at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, by personnel of the St. Louis Office. This record disclosed that CARUSO was inducted into the United States Army on December 22, 1943, at Chicago, Illinois, and entered on active duty on January 12, 1944, at Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

He continued on active duty until May 12, 1945, at which time he was honorably discharged as a Private First Class at Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, by reason of "Certificate of Disability for Discharge." His service serial number was 36 781 800.

These records disclosed that CARUSO was in the European Theatre of Operations from July, 1944, to February, 1945, and was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Medal with one bronze star. His character and efficiency ratings ranged from unknown to excellent and there was no record of a court martial or absence without official leave.

The following psychiatric background information concerning CARUSO is set forth in part:

> "....The serviceman was born January 23, 1911, in Chicago..... The mother had difficulty in recalling some of the developmental history because she had had so many children, and many years have elapsed since their infancy. She did recall, however, that even as a very young child the serviceman had nightmares. Of the childhood diseases, the soldier had only measles; however, he often had attacks of fever, when he would complain of chills and would tremble constantly.

"When questioned regarding the enuresis the soldier is demonstrating at present, the mother stated he often wet the bed as a young boy and would blame it onto his brother, with whom he slept..... .....This enuresis had manifested itself on several occasions since he has been grown, but his wife denys his wetting the bed during their married life.

"Regarding the feverish condition, this also persisted when he was a young boy. On one occasion some member of the family found him sitting up in the kitchen sink with his head under the running faucet. He said he was 'so hot and there was a fire in his head'; however, when questioned, he said 'there was nothing wrong'.

"The serviceman went as far as the third or fourth grade at the elementary school in the neighborhood. His teachers thought he was 'crazy' and finally had no patience with him and his behavior, and would not accept him into their classrooms. While attending school he was always getting into trouble, either with the teachers or the children.....

"....When the soldier was between the ages of 9 and 12 years, he was run over by a truck at which time he was hit on the head. He was treated at the Peoples' Hospital by a Dr. Gory. He also received treatment from Dr. Formosa.....

"....The soldier has also been treated by a Dr. Manual (Possibly Dr. Nicola Emanuelle) for insomnia and nervousness....

"....As a result of the serviceman's head injury in the above-mentioned automobile accident, his personality changed. His school adjustment was negligible and his adjustment in the community became questionable. In the record secured from the Bureau of Criminal Information & Statistics between the period of 1930, when the soldier was 18, to 1943, the soldier was arrested twenty times. Most of the

arrests were due to disorderly conduct and he was discharged. Of the more serious charges, one was for burglary, one for fictitious license plates, another for receiving stolen property and the fourth, in 1936, was for grand larceny, when his case was carried over to the Grand Jury but discharged on 'No Bill'. His fines were minor, except in the instance of $100.00 fine for assault. Up to 1931 he used an alias - Frank Skid.

"The physical influence in the soldier's accident resulted in a general nervous upset. At night he would howl and say 'somebody is killing me'.....

"....He often lost his temper and would become violent. After this behavior he would cry and say 'it ain't me. It's my head'.....

"....It took the serviceman about a year to adjust himself to his father's death and he drank steadily, his wife said, for about two months. He told her once he was going to be the 'second Jesse James'. He started drinking after his father's death....

"....When the serviceman's brother, Charles, died at the age of seven (the serviceman was 16 or 17 at the time) he was greatly affected by this and demonstrated much grief.

"....The soldier smokes incessantly....The serviceman's nervousness carrys over into his sleep. His wife advised that at night he is constantly moving about in the bed. When he is awake, he constantly shakes his foot....

"....The soldier 'flys off the handle' very easily. Too much talking or noise irritates him. The childrens' play and their conversation disturbes him. Friends and neighbors that come into the home feel the influence of his behavior, as his sudden exits after they have been in the home a short time is insulting to them and they feel,

and have said to his wife, 'that he does not like them'. It keeps the family constantly explaining his behavior.

"The soldier liked animals and was kind to them. He particularly liked horses. He enjoys speed. The serviceman was always neat and clean. He had no particular hobbies, has an ordinary interest in his religion and before his marriage had the usual attraction to girls and had a number of girlfriends. He is dependable and his mother said he was a 'little bossy' as a child. His continual physical complaint is violent headaches."

On March 14, 1945, CARUSO was afforded a Psychological Examination at Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee. The following are the findings of that examination:

"The Wechsler Test of mental ability, Form B, gives this patient a mental age of 10 years, 6 months. He became discouraged easily while taking the examination and complained at times about things going blank. The general test profile was somewhat irregular, but failed to conform closefully with any of the other generally accepted test profiles indicative of mental diseases. All in all his attitude while taking the test was one characteristic of a psychoneurotic personality than anything else."

"s/ William J. Von Lackum
"WILLIAM J. VON LACKUM
"CAPTAIN, AGD;
"Psychologist"

The following information concerning CARUSO was dated May 5, 1945, at Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee:

"Caruso, Frank T., 36781800, Pfc., Infantry-Unassigned. Age: 34, white, nativity: Illinois. Service: 8/12. Overseas. Admitted to this hospital 1 March 1945 as a transfer from Mason General Hospital.

"The family history is uneventful. The patient completed the third grade of school at the age of twelve. After that he worked at various odd jobs. His occupational history was irregular. A social history revealed that after a truck accident in which he received head injuries at the age of about ten, his personality changed and he was involved in frequent arrests and conflicts with the law. However, his adjustment during the past ten years was apparently satisfactory.

"He received basic training at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, and was sent to France in July 1944, where he was in combat for one month. He was hospitalized with multiple somatic complaints.

"When the patient was admitted to this hospital, he was extremely tense, apprehensive, and preoccupied with many unrelated complaints. He admitted that he was extremely worried about conditions at home and stated that his wife was unable to care for his three children. He expressed the belief that he could perform no type of military duty.

"Physical and neurological examinations were essentially normal. Laboratory examinations were within normal limits.

"DIAGNOSIS: Anxiety reaction, severe, manifested by tension, tremulousness, apprehension, and undue preoccupation with bodily complaints.
Stress: (1) Combat (2) family worries.
Predisposition: Moderate.
Disability: Permanent for any type of military duty; none for normal resumption of civilian activities.
Line of Duty: Yes.
DISPOSITION: Certificate of Disability for Discharge."

"The following description and background was located in CARUSO's records:

Name:	FRANK TONY CARUSO
Race:	Caucasian
Sex:	Male

CG 92-1438

Date and place of birth:	11/29/11, Chicago, Ill; 11/29/12, Chicago, Ill; 1/23/11, Chicago, Ill.
Height:	5'3" (1945)
Weight:	158 lbs. (1945)
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
U. S. Army Serial No.:	36 781 800
Military Occupation:	Infantry-Rifleman
Civilian Occupation:	Street Cleaner - Truck Driver, failed to complete grammar school.
Addresses:	215 West 23rd St., Chicago, Ill. (1943); 2416 Wentworth Ave., Chicago, Ill. (1945)
Relatives:	PETER CARUSO, father, deceased; FRANCES DEANDRA CARUSO, mother, 2416 Wentworth Avenue, Chicago, Ill. (1945); CATHERINE ROTI CARUSO, aka KATE, wife, same address as mother; [redacted] PETER CARUSO and [redacted] JOSEPH CARUSO, brother, 2400 Wentworth Avenue, Chicago, Ill. (1945)."

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Hoodlum Membership

CG T-1 furnished information which disclosed that CARUSO is one of several Chicago hoodlums known to informant as probably having been "made" in the Chicago crime organization.

Business and Activity

CG T-2 advised that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

CG T-2 stated that [redacted] b7D

CG T-2 stated that [redacted] b7D

On October 27, 1966, [redacted] Liquor Licensing Department, Chicago Police Department, advised that [redacted] made application for a liquor license for Chinatown Liquors, 234 West Cermak Road, on April 25, 1966. b6 b7C

On this application, [redacted] indicated that he [redacted]

[redacted]

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Health

On December 12, 1966, [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agents JOHN J. OITZINGER and [redacted] concerning another Bureau investigation. During the course of the interview, [redacted] advised that he was acquainted with CARUSO for several years and knew him to suffer from a stomach ailment. In addition, he stated that CARUSO no longer has adequate finances nor does he have the power that is attributed to him according to the press.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

December 28, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 92-1438

Title FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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Chicago, Illinois
December 28, 1966

FRANK TONY CARUSO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above. b6 b7C

CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is acquainted with individuals in the hoodlum element in Chicago and is aware of the immediate activities of same.

CG T-2 is in a position to furnish information concerning the activities of subject.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Attn. Criminal Intelligence and Organized Crime Section)

DATE: 1/26/67

FROM : SAC, Chicago (92-1438)

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

Instructions: *(1) On a new subject all categories must be completed. (2) When the status has changed on an old subject only those applicable categories should be completed. (3) Circle in pencil the number opposite the word or words which describes the subject or fill in the blank under each applicable heading. (4) No more than one item may be circled in each category except categories 11, 15, 16, 17, 19 and 20. (5) When none of the items in a category will suffice fill in the blank with the status known; if additional space is needed or if more information is known use the "Remarks" area.*

Frank Tony Caruso Sr.
Name of subject to which this form applies

FBI Number: 1068090

Origin Office: Chicago

Bureau File Number: 92-7067

☐ New Subject ☒ Status Change

01 Year of Birth
(use last 2 digits) ____

02 Birth Place
01 U. S.
02 Italy
03 Sicily
04 Naples
05 Calabria
06 Abruzzi
09 ____

03 Birth Verification
01 Birth record
02 Baptismal record
03 Delayed recording
04 INS record
05 Doctor certificate
06 Midwife certificate
07 Not verified
09 ____

04 Status
01 Active
02 Retired
03 Missing
04 Present fugitive
05 Deceased
06 Incarcerated
07 Unknown

05 La Cosa Nostra "Family"
____
98 Unknown
99 Not a member

06 Rank
01 Boss
02 Underboss
03 Consiglieri
04 Capodecina
05 Former leader
06 Soldier
07 Proposed
08 Possible member
09 Unknown

07 Commission
01 Current member
02 Past member
03 Possible member
04 Associated with
05 Communicates with
06 Relative of member
07 No connection with

08

09

10 Relatives in La Cosa Nostra
01 Blood relation
02 Relation by marriage
03 Both
04 Not related
05 Unknown

11 La Cosa Nostra "Family" of Relatives
____
____

12 Citizenship
01 U. S. born
02 Naturalized
03 Denaturalized
04 Resident status
05 Non-citizen
06 Awaiting deportation
07 Deported
09 ____

13 Organization Connection
(Use for non-La Cosa Nostra members only)
01 Yes
02 No
03 Unknown

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14 Type of Gambler
01 Writer
02 Runner-collector
03 Controller
04 Office clerk
05 Banker
06 Layoff man
07 Casino operator
08 Casino employee
09 Dice game operator
10 Dice game employee
11 Cards
12 Wire Service operator
13 Not applicable
14 ____

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15. Legitimate Enterprise

16 Illegal Activity

17 Nicknames and or Alias

01 _____

02 _____

18 Description

Race	Complexion	Build
01 White	01 Light	01 Small
02 Negro	02 Ruddy	02 Slight
~~03 Other~~	~~03 Dark~~	~~03 Slender~~
	04 Olive	04 Stocky
	05 Swarthy	05 Heavy
		06 Obese
		07 Gross
		08 Medium

Height	Weight
01 Up to 5' 1"	01 Up to 120
02 5' 2" - 5' 3"	02 121 - 130
03 5' 4" - 5' 5"	03 131 - 140
04 5' 6" - 5' 7"	04 141 - 150
05 5' 8" - 5' 9"	05 151 - 160
06 5' 10" - 5' 11"	06 161 - 170
07 5' 11" - 6'	07 171 - 185
08 6' 0" - 6' 1"	08 186 - 200
09 6' 1" and over	09 Over

19 Areas of Activity Other Than Origin Office (Use the initials of office)

01 _____

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03 _____

04 _____

20 Places Frequented:

Chinatown Liquors

Remarks: _____

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	2/21/67	12/16/66 - 2/10/67

TITLE OF CASE

FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka

REPORT MADE BY

SA [redacted] b6 b7C

TYPED BY

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CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 12/28/66, at Chicago. b6 b7C

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ENCLOSURE

TO BUREAU

Two (2) copies of LHM characterizing informants.

LEADS

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow subjects activities concerning his involvement in hoodlum type matters.

Case has been: Pending over one year ☒ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

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CG 92-1438

ADMINISTRATIVE

Chicago indices are negative regarding [redacted] and PHILIPPO IRACI. b6 b7C

SAs who observed CARUSO are PAUL B. FRANKFURT and [redacted]

INFORMANTS

Source	Date	Contacting Agent
CG T-1 is [redacted]	12/16/66	SA JOHN J. OITZINGER
CG T-2 is [redacted]	2/9/67	SA [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Chicago

Date: 2/21/67

Field Office File #: 92-1438 Bureau File #: 92-7067

Title: FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Informant advised that [redacted]

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CG 92-1438

DETAILS:

Bookmaking

CG T-1 advised that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Hangout

CG T-2 advised that CARUSO is a daily visitor at Chinatown Liquors, 2034 West Cermak Road, Chicago, which now has a bar as well as a package store with some groceries.

CG T-2 stated that Chinatown Liquors according to the license is [redacted] however, CARUSO spends considerable time at that location and helps in the operation of same. b6 b7C

SAs of the FBI in January and February observed CARUSO on numerous occasions at Chinatown Liquors.

Property Owned by CARUSO

On December 23, 1966, [redacted] Liquor License Division, Chicago Police Department, advised that on October 4, 1966, an application for a city liquor license was filed for the premise at 238 West Cermak Road which premise would have a tavern and restaurant. The leasor at that address is FRANK CARUSO, b6 b7C

234 West Cermak Road, and the property has been leased from him from November 1, 1966, to October 31, 1971. The lessee is [redacted] and PHILIPPO IRACI. [redacted], telephone number [redacted] at Chicago and has no felony convictions. IRACI resides at 6452 South Kilpatrick and has telephone number 581-2100. He was born on January 10, 1911, in Italy and obtained his U.S. Citizenship in February, 1958 at the United States District of Northern Illinois. He has no felony convictions.

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[redacted] stated that according to the application each application indicated they were willing to invest $7,000 in the business. [redacted] has been employed for the past three years at [redacted] IRACI who is single has been employed since 1961 by the U.S. Industries, 6400 West 65th Street, Chicago. [redacted] It was also stated by [redacted] that [redacted] was associated with [redacted] and with friends alleged to have syndicate connections but which has not been proven.

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[redacted] stated on February 10, 1967, that the requested license had been approved. He stated that investigation determined that CARUSO apparently does not seem to be associated with the lessees and will receive rent of $100 per month for the building. [redacted] stated that [redacted]

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It was previously reported that CARUSO was making efforts to see that approval was granted for the lessees of his building to receive a liquor license.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
February 21, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Title FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference report of Special Agent [redacted] [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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Chicago, Illinois
February 21, 1967

FRANK TONY CARUSO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

CG T-1 is acquainted with activities concerning CARUSO and his associates.

CG T-2 is in a position to furnish some information concerning the activities of CARUSO.

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Information concerning:

Frank Caruso and associates

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

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Information furnished was obtained:

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- [x] from informants
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Information furnished to: [redacted] b6 b7C

26th Dist. CPD

Number of items disseminated: _____

Remarks:

Information re possible criminal actions of [redacted] and assoc. with Caruso group

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	4/26/67	2/13 - 4/18/67

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka	SA [redacted]	SL b6 b7C

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 2/21/67 at Chicago. b6 b7C

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ENCLOSURE

TO THE BUREAU

Enclosed to the Bureau are two copies of a letterhead memorandum characterizing informants.

LEADS

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow subject's activities and develop information concerning his control in organized crime.

Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

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CG 92-1438

ADMINISTRATIVE

SAs JOHN J. OITZINGER, PAUL B. FRANKFURT, and [redacted] observed subject. b6 b7C

INFORMANTS

Source	Date Contacted	Contacting Agent
CG T-1 is [redacted]	March 3, 1967	SA JOHN J. OITZINGER
CG T-2 is [redacted]	March 7, 1967	SA [redacted]
CG T-3 is [redacted]	March 8, 1967	SA MERLE B. HAMRE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Chicago b6 b7C
Date: 4/20/67

Field Office File #: 92-1438 Bureau File #: 92-7067

Title: FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

RALPH PIERCE, Chicago south side gambling boss, has no rackets association with CARUSO. CARUSO's revenue from gambling "down." CARUSO hangs out at Chinatown Liquors Bar and Package Store [redacted] CARUSO has little "action" going for him. CARUSO observed on almost a daily basis at Chinatown Liquors Bar and Package Store. CARUSO reportedly has assumed a strong position in organized crime under leadership of GUS ALEX since death of FRANK FERRARO. CARUSO suffers from a stomach disorder. b6 b7C

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CG 92-1430

DETAILS:

ACTIVITIES

CG T-1 advised that [redacted] well publicized as the gambling boss on Chicago's south side, has no rackets association with CARUSO. b7D

CG T-1 advised that CARUSO is complaining of problems in his operation as the result of FBI interest in gambling and his revenue from same is "down."

CG T-2 advised that [redacted] Chinatown Liquors Bar and Package Store, 234 West Cermak Road, Chicago, Illinois, [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

CG T-2 advised that CARUSO has little "action" going for him.

OBSERVATION

Special Agents of the FBI observed CARUSO on almost a daily basis at Chinatown Liquors Bar and Package Store in February, March, and April.

HOODLUM POSITION

CG T-3 advised he recently heard that CARUSO has assumed a strong position in organized crime under the leadership of GUS ALEX in the south area of Chicago's First Ward since the death of FRANK FERRARO.

RELATIVE

CG T-3 advised that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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HEALTH

CG T-2 advised that CARUSO suffers from a stomach disorder diagnosed as "protrusion" and needs an operation. Doctors, however, are reluctant to operate. For several years CARUSO has suffered from same despite operations and stays in the hospital.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
April 26, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. 92-1433

Title FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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Frank Caruso

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Information furnished to: [redacted] Licensing Division

CPD

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Remarks:

Info re the licensing appeal for restaurant and bar in building owned by Caruso

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD	TYPE
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	6/22/67	4/19 - 6/15/67	SVM

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] b6 b7C

TITLE OF CASE: FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka

CHARACTER OF CASE: AR

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 4/26/67, at Chicago. b6 b7C

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ENCLOSURE

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Special Agents who observed are JOHN J. OITZINGER, PAUL B. FRANKFURT and [redacted]

LEADS

CHICAGO

Case has been: Pending over one year ☒ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

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CG 92-143S

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow subjects activities in an effort to develop information concerning his control in organized crime.

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INFORMANTS

Source	Date Contacted	Contacting Agent
CG T-1 [redacted]	6/9/67	SA [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Chicago b6 b7C
Date: 6/22/67

Field Office File #: 92-1438 Bureau File #: 92-7067

Title: FRANK TONY CARUSO,

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: CARUSO at Chinatown Liquors on daily basis during April and May, 1967. CARUSO complains of financial and health problems. CARUSO hoping the D'FILIPPOS of Chinatown restaurant and bar located in building owned by him will be successful so he will receive additional revenue from same. CARUSO attempting to rent all available property owned by him to gain income.

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CG 92-1438

DETAILS:

AT CHINATOWN LIQUORS AND ACTIVITY

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed CARUSO on a daily basis at Chinatown Liquors, 234 West Cermak Road, Chicago, during April and May, 1967.

CG T-1 advised that CARUSO spends most of his time at Chinatown Liquors. He complains of problems relating to his failure to have sufficient income as well as having health problems which worry him.

CG T-1 advised that CARUSO is hoping D'FILIPPOS of Chinatown, the restaurant and bar located in the building owned by him at 238 West Cermak Road, Chicago, is a success so he will be able to receive additional revenue from same.

On June 15, 1967, [redacted] 21st District, Chicago Police Department, advised that CARUSO is making every effort to rent properties owned by him in order to collect additional finances. [redacted] understands that CARUSO has very little illegal activities going for him from which to gain revenue and is making efforts to obtain additional finances legitimately. b6 b7C

D'FILIPPOS OF CHINATOWN RESTAURANT AND BAR

On June 6, 1967, [redacted] Licence Unit, Chicago Police Department, advised his investigators have given attention to the restaurant at 238 West Cermak Road, which is called D'FILIPPOS of Chinatown, which restaurant and bar recently opened their business in the building owned by CARUSO. [redacted] stated no information has been developed that the operation of same is under the influence or control of CARUSO. b6 b7C

Chicago, Illinois
June 22, 1967

92-1438

FRANK TONY CARUSO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above. b6 b7C

CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is acquainted with Caruso and some of his activities.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
June 22, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to
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GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1438)

DATE: August 1, 1967

FROM : [redacted]
Correlation Clerk

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SUBJECT: FRANK "SKID" CARUSO aka,
Frank Tony Caruso, Skid Caruso,
"Skid", Frank A. Skid, Frank Spino,
Skid Frank Spino, Frank Burkhardt,
Frank Burkhardi
ANTI-RACKETEERING

This memo contains identical and questionable criminal references. No security references were located.

It should be noted that 92-1438-47 is a previous correlation memo dated 3/17/64.

I. GENERAL CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

162-427-5

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92-920-1159 p.21

92-1438-20 1a

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

An unknown source furnished to the Chicago Office, a memorandum from the Chicago Crime Commission, 79 West Monroe St., Chicago, dated 7/24/64, re the wake and funeral of JOSEPH L. COSTELLO, on 8/7/63.

The Intelligence Division of the CG PD obtained the license numbers of autos present on the occasion of the wake and funeral of above named person on 8/7/63. Persons registered to the license numbers listed have been checked through the records of the Chicago Crime Commission and among those identified was:

FRANK "SKID" CARUSO

This person was observed at the wake but no automobile license was noted concerning him. A summary report has been prepared concerning this individual from the files of the Crime Commission and a copy of same, dated 7/13/64, is being furnished to the Intelligence Division of the CG PD.

92-466-2148

An article contained in the "Chicago Daily News", CG, dated 2/24/64, Red Dart Edition, col. 1, captioned "Mob Rakes In $160,000 a Day on Dope", reflects that most addicts are Negroes--the lost rebels and dreamers of a Jim Crow world.

Consequently, the manicured white bigshots who run the racket use Negro specialists at the "point of sale"--someone like NOLAN MACK, for instance.

MACK was shot to death in a gun battle with a narcotics agent 10/25/63. But the real bosses of the racket here--hoodlums SAM GIANCANA, CHARLES NICOLETTI, AMERICO DE PIETTO, FRANK CARUSO--went their way undisturbed.

Hoodlum business methods in the narcotics racket employ the usual convincer--muscle.

On one occasion, according to police, MACK and mobster FRANK CARUSO decided to stamp out "independent" competition.

Brazenly carrying machine guns, they dropped in on a competitor. He got the point. So did other mavericks in the trade.

The writer is unable to determine if above is identical with the subject of this memo.

92-466-3366 p.9

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On 7/1/66, [redacted] confidentially furnished to SA VINCENT L. INSERRA, a copy of cases in Inventory as of 2/26/65.

Among the inventory of numbered & unnumbered cases in Group F as of 2/28/65 was:

Name & Number of Case	Agent Assigned	Date Assigned	Allegations
FRANK CARUSO 36 44 204 1 3	[redacted]	5/11/64	Cosa Nostra affiliate. Unreported rental income and capital gains.

The writer is unable to determine if above is identical with the subject of this memo.

92-344-1297 p.1, 37

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[redacted] CG PD furnished a typewritten report to SA VINCENT L. INSERRA on 7/14/64, which set out information re the wedding of [redacted] and [redacted] on 6/10/64.

The wedding ceremony was performed on 6/10/64 at 1000 hours at the St. VINCENT FERRER Roman Catholic Church, River Forest, Illinois.

p.1 Among the persons of interest to the Intelligence Division observed by the reporting officers, who attended the church wedding, wedding breakfast at the home of ANTHONY J. ACCARDO or the wedding reception, which was held at the Villa Venice, Northbrook, Illinois at 1800 hours was:

FRANK CARUSO

p.37 The reporting officers arrived at the Villa Venice, Northbrook, Illinois, shortly after 1700 hours to watch for guests arriving for the above wedding.

Among the vehicles observed at the Villa Venice on 6/10/64 between 1700 hours and 2300 hours was the following:

1964 Ill. lic. #	Make/color	Registered To
LM-4388	1964 Red Mustang Tudor	FRANK CARUSO 238 W. Cermak Rd. Chicago, Illinois

162-14-837 p.1

[redacted] was contacted on 6/25,29/64 by SA JOHN W. ROBERTS and advised that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

162-504-2 p.3

Memo of SA [redacted] to SAC, CG dated 8/13/64, re Gambling Operation, 2218 South Wentworth Avenue, CG, reflects the following:

On 7/7,21,27/64 and 8/7/64, SA [redacted] made observation in the vicinity of the Kai Kai Restaurant, above address and observed activities there. b6 b7C

On 7/7/64, at approximately 10:15 a.m., a black Pontiac sedan, 1964 model, bearing current Illinois license DJ 4597 stopped in front of the restaurant. FRANK TONY CARUSO was in the automobile which was driven by an unknown individual described as about 5'7" in height, dark black hair and a husky build. As soon as CARUSO stopped in front of the restaurant, most of the individuals loitering in the area quickly approached the car and some from the restaurant also went to the car and spoke to CARUSO. CARUSO conversed with these individuals for about one minute and then drove on.

[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] b7D

162-14-961 p.5

Airtel to Director from SAC, CG re Gambling Matters dated 11/6/64 reflects that the CG division has carefully analyzed the gambling situation in the CG Division and a list of 20 individuals reported to be prominently involved in organized gambling in the Chicago area is set out.

Among the names set out was:

FRANK "SKID" CARUSO
215 West 23rd Street
Chicago, Illinois

Reportedly active in and controls all gambling in the area of the "patch", an Italian Section in the near north side of Chicago.

92-1641-57 p.2

[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

92-1602-32 p.3

An unknown source furnished to the Chicago office, a copy of a memorandum from the Chicago Crime Commission, 79 West

Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois dated 3/14/67 which sets out information re FRANK ROTI - Wake, 12/20/65.

The Intelligence Division of the CG PD obtained the license numbers of automobiles present on the occasion of the wake of above named on 12/20/65. Persons registered to the license numbers have been checked through the records of the CG Crime Commission and those identified appear in the order in which their names are set forth in the police list.

Among the names set out was:

FRANK "SKID" CARUSO

(Observed by police in the foyer of the funeral parlor.) In a report of 7/13/64, a summary of information concerning FRANK CARUSO is set forth.

In a Sun-Times clip of 1/10/65 it was indicated the underworld money lenders at the Illinois tracks, according to the state officials protecting the tracks, are directed by WILLIAM MESSINO, FRANK CARUSO and SAM DE STEFANO.

In a report of 4/9/65, wedding-reception of [redacted] [redacted] a summary of information is set forth concerning FRANK CARUSO. b6 b7C

In a Sun-Times clip of 10/22/65, FRANK CARUSO, a racketeer supervisor in CG's 1st Ward and South Cook County, is allegedly involved in the underworld attempt to invade the Italian bread industry.

In a Tribune clip of 4/22/66, federal agents raided a wire room at 3312 Carpenter which handled large bets under the auspices of FRANK CARUSO, a mob gambling boss.

92-466-2805 p.2

[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

92-2007-16 p.18

[redacted] was contacted on 3/11/65 by SA JOSEPH G. SHEA [redacted] b7D

92-1278-477 p.15

[redacted] was contacted by SAs JOHN R. BASSETT, PAUL B. FRANKFURT and JOSEPH G. SHEA on 4/26, 4/29, 5/28 and 6/28/65. b7D

[redacted]

92-1173-383 p.22

Report of SA JOHN W. ROBERTS, Jr., at Chicago dated 5/17/65 re LA COSA NOSTRA, aka, sets out individuals who have been reported by sources of the Chicago office to be connected in some way with the organized criminal element in Chicago, and/or the Chicago "family". Insufficient information is available at this time to definitely state whether these persons are or are not connected with the LCN. It should be noted that in most instances these people are currently actively engaged in activities which are directly controlled or operated by the CG "family".

Among the names set out was:

FRANK CARUSO aka "SKID"

174-12-55

An article contained in the "Chicago Sun Times", dated 7/22/65, Four Star Final, P.4, col. 1, captioned "Feuding Brothers

To Be Quizzed In Bombing", reflects that Sheriff's police flew to Cleveland Wednesday to re-question two brothers, both show-horse trainers, about their bitter feud, and alleged murder plot, and an auto-bomb deaty.

[redacted] were to be questioned in an investigation stemming from the 6/14 bombing that killed a pretty brunette horsewoman, CHERIE RUDE, 22. b6 b7C

It was learned that the Illinois Crime Investigating Commission's investigation of the dynamite theft and the bombings included a scrutiny of the activities of two Cosa Nostra gangsters.

The mobsters are FRANK (SKID) CARUSO and JAMES (Jimmy the Bomber) CATUARA. Their rackets territory spreads from the 1st Ward to southern Cook County, according to police.

165-287-6 p.2

[redacted] by SA JOHN W. ROBERTS, Jr. and advised that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

92-1173-513 p.16

Report of SA JOHN W. ROBERTS, Jr. at Chicago dated 6/10/66 re LA COSA NOSTRA, aka., reflects same information as 92-1173-383 p.22.

92-1371-110

[redacted] by SA JOHN J. OITZINGER and advised that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

CG 92-1438

92-1173-644 p.8

[redacted] and furnished the following information [redacted] b7D

There are numerous 92-350 references and should be reviewed by the agent assigned to this case.

The following references are incorrect:

87-16684-12
87-16684-15
87-16684-40 p.B

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FD-160 (Rev. 10-1-59)
CORRELATED
3-17-64 (S. 47)

TO: CHIEF CLERK FBI # 1068090

Date 7-31-67

Subject FRANK " SKID" CARUSO aka Frank Tony Caruso, Skid

Aliases Caruso, "Skid", Frank A., Skid Frank Spino Skid Frank Spino

Address 215 N. 23rd St. Frank Burkhardt. Frank Burkhardt

Birth Date 11-29-11 11-29-12 1-23-11

Birthplace Cy, Ill.

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Sex ☑ Male ☐ Female

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Caruso Francis T.			
92-1438-110 (8-65) main file			
Caruso, Francis A.			
26-50397 (3-67)			
Caruso, Frank			
26-50397 (3-67) aka Francis A. Caruso			
92-1173-644 p.8 (6-67)			
92-1602-32 p.3 (4-67)			
?92-466-3366 p.9 (8-66) Cosa Nostra affiliate			
92-1173-513 p.16 (6-66)			
65-287-6 p.2 (3-66)			
92-2007-16 p.18 (1-66)			
92-1278-477 p.15 (10-65) aka "Skid"			
92-1438-107 (8-65) aka main file Frank Burkhardt.			
92-1438-110 (8-65) main file			
92-1173-383 p.52 (5-65) aka Skid			
62-14-1049 p.1 (5-65)			

Re: OK [redacted] Assigned - [redacted]

Squad C-1 Extension File No. 92-1438 ✱ no cc

S [redacted] 7-31-67 (date)

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92-1602-25	p.37 (4-65)	2321 N. Cermak Rd. Cg	344-1297 p.1,37
92-1602-25	(4-65)	contains same info as	92-[illegible]
92-1438-91	(1-65)	FBI # 1068090	main file
92-920-115	p.21 (2-64)	Seen at wake of Joseph L. Costello, 8-17-36.	
62-14-961	p.5 (11-64)	215 N. 23rd St. Cg	aka Stacy
62-14-765	p.1 (5-64)	CC is aka main file	92-1438-62
92-344-1297	p.37 (9-64)	238 N. Cermak Rd. Cg	
92-344-1297	p.1 (9-64)		
92-466-2148	(3-64)	racket boss	
87-16684-12	(12-58)		
-15		Inc. Ref.	
-40	p.2 (4-59)		
Caruso, Frank A.			
92-1438-10	(8-65)	main file	
92-1438-91	(1-65)	main file	

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Caruso, Frank "Skid"			
92-466-2290	p-8 16-64	cc in main file	92-1438-63
92-1438	(5-63)	B-11-29-11	main file
174-12-55	(8-65)		
92-350-393	p-1 (3-64)	C-1	Supv's office
62-14-712	p-1 3-64	cc in main file	92-1438-48
Caruso, Frank Tony			
92-1438	(5-63)	147, Cor. memo	main file 3-17-64
Caruso, "Skid"			
92-1438	main file		
62-14-837	p-1 (7-64)		
92-1173-644	p-8 (6-67)	alias Frank Caruso.	
92-1602-32	p-3 (4-67)		
92-1173-573	p-16 (6-66)		
65-287-6	p-2 (3-66)		
92-1641-57	p-2 (2-66)		
92-1173-383	p-22 (5-65)		

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I 162-14-1049 p. 1 (5-65)			
NI 92-350-562 p. 3 (2-65)			
-553 p. 2		C-1 Supr's office	
NI 92-350-541 p. 12 (1-65)			
I 92-920-115 p. 21 (12-64)	aka Frank Carnes		
I 162-14-961 p. 5 (11-64)	aka Frank Carnes		
I 157-376-62 (6-64)	CC in main file 92-1438-86		
NI 92-350-478 p. 4 (9-64)	C-1 Supr's office		
I 162-504-2 p. 3 (8-64)			
NI 92-350-411 (4-64)	C-1 Supr's office		
I 162-14-765 p. 1 (5-64)	CC in main file 92-1438-62		
NI 92-350-420 p. 2 (5-64)			
NI 92-350-445 p. 2 (6-64)		C-1 Supr's office	
NI 92-350-439 p. 2 (6-64)			
NI 92-350-440 (6-64)			
NI 92-350-435 p. 7 (6-64)			
I 162-421-5 p. 2 (4-63)			

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I 62-14-765 p.1	(5-64) C.C in main file 92-1438		
I 62-14-964 p.5	(11-64)		
I 92-1371-110	(7-66)		
I 92-1173-573 p.16	(6-66) alias of Frank Carusi		
I 92-1278-477 p.15	(10-65)		
I 92-1431-112 p.5	(9-65) main file		
I 74-12-55	(8-65)		
I 92-466-2805 p.2	(4-65) VI 2-2792		
I 92-466-1423 p.3	(9-63) VI 2-9839	see prev. corr. memo 92-1438-8 p.25	
U 92-350-460 p.6	(8-64) C-1 Supv's office		
Skid, Frank A.			
I 92-1438 ✗	main file		
Spino, Frank			
I 92-1438 ✗	(3-64) main file		

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[redacted]			
Alfred Mark Frank.			
~~FF 92-1438~~	(2-64) main file		
Burkhardt Frank			
~~Tou-0-30481~~	(1942) Age approx 65 (1942)		allegedly pro-German
~~FF 92-1438-107~~	(8-65) main file		

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	8/22/67	6/16/67 - 8/15/67

TITLE OF CASE

FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] b6 b7C

TYPED BY cm

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 6/22/67 at Chicago. b6 b7C

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ENCLOSURES

TO THE BUREAU

Two copies of an LHM characterizing informants.

LEAD

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow subject's activities.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

None

Case has been: Pending over one year ☒ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Notations

CG 92-1438

ADMINISTRATIVE

SA [redacted] and PAUL B. FRANKFURT observed subject. b6 b7C

INFORMANTS

Source	Date Contacted	Contacting Agent
CG T-1 [redacted]	6/28/67	an Omaha Agent b6 b7C b7D
CG T-2 [redacted]	8/9/67	[redacted]

FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: [redacted]
Date: 8/22/67

Office: Chicago, Illinois

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Field Office File #: 92-1438

Bureau File #: 92-7067

Title: FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

CARUSO member of "Chicago family" of LCN and handles south side area in first ward of Chicago under GUS ALEX. CARUSO spending most of his time at Chinatown Liquors [redacted] CARUSO has not realized sufficient revenue from restaurant and bar in building owned by his wife.

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CG 92-1438

DETAILS:

Hoodlum Membership

CG T-1 advised CARUSO is a member of the "Chicago family" of the La Cosa Nostra and handles the south side in Chicago's first ward under GUS ALEX.

Activity

CG T-2 advised CARUSO spends most of his time at Chinatown Liquors, 234 West Cermak, Chicago, [redacted] CARUSO complains of financial and health problems. b6 b7C b7D

CG T-2 advised that D' FILIPPIO's of Chinatown Restaurant and bar, 238 West Cermak Road, Chicago, which recently opened in the building owned by CARUSO's wife, is not doing the business CARUSO anticipated and has not produced the revenue he expected from same.

On July 19, 1967, at 1:25 p.m. special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed CARUSO at 234 West Cermak Road.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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August 22, 1967

92-1438

FRANK TONY CARUSO, ALSO KNOWN AS
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above. b6 b7C

CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is knowledgeable concerning members of organized crime in Chicago.

CG T-2 is in a position to furnish information concerning some of subject's activities.

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (165-1786)

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REMYTEL AUGUST TWENTY THREE LAST.

AT TWELVE NOON AUGUST TWENTY FOUR INSTANT, [redacted] [redacted] INTELLIGENCE UNIT, CHICAGO PD, APPRISED OF AVAILABLE INFO RE [redacted] BOOKMAKING OPERATION.

BASED ON LOCAL SEARCH WARRANT OBTAINED ON FBI AFFIDAVIT, [redacted] AND INTELLIGENCE UNIT OFFICERS RAIDED H AND J LOUNGE, THREE THREE SIX FOUR SOUTH HALSTED, CHICAGO, GAINING ENTRANCE TO REAR ROOM THROUGH UNLOCKED DOOR IN LOUNGE.

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[redacted] ARRESTED AND CHARGED AS KEEPER OF GAMBLING HOUSE AS WELL AS SELLING LIQUOR TO MINORS. ONE [redacted] ALSO ARRESTED AND CHARGED AS KEEPER OF BETS. [redacted]

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ADMITTED BOOKING HORSE BETS AT LOCATION FOR PAST TWO MONTHS. CLAIMED TO HAVE ONLY SIX OR SEVEN CUSTOMERS, ALL LOCAL RESIDENTS, AND PAID OFF TO NO ONE.

CONFISCATED WERE RECORDS OF HORSE BETS, TELEPHONE AND MISCELLANEOUS GAMBLING PARAPHERNALIA. MONTHLY HANDLE ESTIMATED BY [redacted] AS TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. FOLLOWING RAID, BUAGENTS REVIEWED CONFISCATED MATERIAL WHICH DISCLOSED NO APPARENT INTERSTATE ACTIVITY. b6 b7C

[redacted] IN NEWS RELEASE, CITED FBI FOR INITIATING ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GAMBLING RAID.

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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (165-1786)

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INVESTIGATION AND INFORMANT COVERAGE DISCLOSE NO INTERSTATE ACTIVITY.

CHICAGO PLANS TO OBTAIN LOCAL SEARCH WARRANT BASED ON FBI AFFIDAVIT TO BE EXECUTED ONE THIRTY P.M., AUG TWENTY FOUR NEXT BY [redacted] INTELLIGENCE UNIT, CHICAGO PD.

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NO BUREAU PERSONNEL WILL BE UTILIZED AS PARTICIPANTS IN RAID, THOUGH BUAGENTS WILL ASSIST IN INTERVIEWS AND REVIEW OF CONFISCATED MATERIAL FOLLOWING RAID FOR POSSIBLE INTERSTATE ACTIVITY.

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ABOVE PLAN WILL BE EXECUTED, UACB.

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POLICE ARREST BET SUSPECT AFTER CHASE

Auto Finally Curbed Near Crystal Lake

Raids against crime syndicate gamblers in McHenry county and Chicago were staged yesterday by local police acting on information furnished by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In Crystal Lake, police arrested Lawrence McHale, 34, of 311 Cold Spring rd., Woodstock, after a chase at speeds ranging up to 100 miles an hour. McHale was described as the key bookmaker in the McHenry county rackets bossed by Joseph [Black Joe] Amato.

In Chicago, detectives of the Chicago police intelligence division under Lt. Robert Sheehan arrested two men in the H and J lounge, 3364 S. Halsted st., after the FBI reported gambling operations in the tavern.

Caruso Aid Nabbed

The arrested were Joseph J. Sparacino, 54, of 436 W. 31st st., described as an aid of Frank [Skid] Caruso, near south side crime syndicate gambling boss, and Michael J. Haepp, 27, who gave the tavern as his home address.

"I give up. I should have better sense to stay in this business," McHale shouted after he was finally curbed by Sgt. Jack Harrison of the Crystal Lake police.

McHale had jumped into his car and driven off at high speed after he apparently sensed police were watching him outside of a cocktail lounge in downtown Crystal Lake, where it is charged he telephones horse and sports bets to a Cicero wireroom daily.

Has a Warrant

Sgt. Harrison had gone to the location to arrest McHale with a warrant obtained on FBI information from the McHenry county Circuit court in Woodstock.

McHale was observed entering the back room of the cocktail lounge. Bets collected thruout McHenry county are phoned to a wireroom in Cicero operated under the auspices of Joseph [The Doves] Aiuppa, a close associate of Amato.

McHale was not captured until he had been chased more than seven miles outside of Crystal Lake. No one was injured in the chase.

Bet Records Found

In McHale's car and in his possession a considerable quantity of betting records and other wagering paraphernalia was found. McHale has been arrested before for gambling.

In the Chicago raid, Lt. Sheehan's men charged Sparacino with bookmaking. Haepp was booked on liquor violations. Police found two underage drinkers at the bar when they raided the place.

Investigators estimated that McHale handled about $15,000 a week in wagers and that Sparacino funneled $5,000 a week in horse and sports bets thru two telephones in the tavern.

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REMYTEL OCTOBER SIX LAST. AT ELEVEN PM OCTOBER SIX LAST, [redacted] [redacted] INTELLIGENCE UNIT, CHICAGO PD WAS AFFORDED COMPLETE BRIEFING RE JOYCE'S LARGE SCALE FLOATING DICE GAME OPERATING UNDER CONTROL OF FRANK "SKID" CARUSO HOODLUM GROUP. BASED ON WARRANT OBTAINED ON FBI AFFIDAVIT AND SIGNED BY LOCAL JUDGE, DICE GAME AT ONE SEVEN FOUR SIX WEST SIXTY NINTH STREET, CHICAGO RAIDED BY OFFICERS OF INTELLIGENCE UNIT AT ELEVEN FIFTY PM SAME DATE. ENTRY GAINED BY BATTERING DOWN HEAVILY BARRICADED FRONT AND REAR DOORS TO SECOND STORY APARTMENT.

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EIGHTEEN GAMBLERS ARRESTED INCLUDING THREE KEEPERS NAMELY SUBJECT JOYCE, [redacted] AND WALTER SZYMANSKI. CONFISCATED BY POLICE WERE NUMEROUS DECKS OF DICE, ONE PROFESSIONAL DICE TABLE, MISCELLANEOUS GAMBLING EQUIPMENT AND ONE LOADED GUN WHICH WAS TAKEN FROM SUBJECT JOYCE ALL VALUED AT ABOUT ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

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AS WELL AS FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CASH AND EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CHECKS.

INTERVIEWS AND REVIEW OF CONFISCATED MATERIAL REVEAL NO INTER-STATE ACTIVITY.

IN NEWS RELEASE, [redacted] CREDITED FBI FOR SUCCESS-FUL GAMBLING RAID. CHICAGO NEWS MEDIA AFFORDING RAID EXCELLENT COVER-AGE DUE TO FACT THIS IS FIRST INDICATION OF REACTIVATION OF "SKID" CARUSO'S FLOATING DICE GAME FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

'Piggy' Joyce Again Lands In Dice News

By Art Petacque

It was nearly like old times Saturday for Edward (Piggy) Joyce, now 69, who in the 1920s and 1930s was one of Chicago's biggest gambling joint operators.

Joyce, for many years the target of raids by bandits and the police, again was arrested in a gambling raid by intelligence unit men.

Detectives, acting on a Federal Bureau of Investigation warrant, barged into a rear second-floor flat in a frame building at 1746 W. 69th. Lt. Robert Sheehan, who led the raid, found 18 men clustered around a big dice table with two croupiers.

15 Players Chased

After chasing out 15 players, they arrested Joyce, who said he now lives in Miami Shores, Fla., but who gave a relative's Chicago address at 2403 N. Orchard.

The raiders seized a .38-caliber revolver which Joyce was carrying and charged him with being a keeper of a gambling house and carrying a gun. He is scheduled to appear Nov. 3 in South State Street Court.

On the dice table were $5,000 in cash and another $8,000 in checks which the raiders also confiscated.

Russo Arrested

In addition to Joyce, the detectives arrested Vincent Russo, 45, who said he was a building contractor, and a third man, Walter Szymanski, 55, who also gave no address.

The raiders said the game was run by Frank (Skid) Caruso, a crime syndicate gambling boss who was not in the flat at the time. They said they nipped at the start the play which would have turned out to be the syndicate's "Big Game," a floating crap game operating sometimes in Chicago, sometimes in Cicero and in northern suburbs and even out of Cook County.

"The Big Game," during the last several years has been raided on FBI warrants and broken up at least 18 times, detectives said.

Once Golf Hustler

Joyce, who had not been heard of in Chicago in recent years, was known once as a golf hustler who shot in the 70s. As a handicap, he is said to have taken on betting golfers with a borrowed No. 5 iron and shoot all 18 holes with it. In 1928 Joyce was quoted as saying:

"No, I'm not playing golf for big stakes now. In fact, I don't think I won more than $100,000 in the last year."

In addition to operating gambling concessions at roadhouses, Joyce in 1930 announced his candidacy as an independent Republican for the state Senate vacancy caused by the death of his brother, John T. Joyce.

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FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 8/22/67 at Chicago.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are two (2) copies of a letterhead memorandum characterizing informants.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED NONE						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR [X] YES [ ] NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS [ ] YES [X] NO

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow subject's activities concerning his interest in hoodlum matters.

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INFORMANTS

Source	Dates of Contact	Contacting Agent
CG T-1 is [redacted]	August 11, 22 and 23, 1967	SA LENARD A. WOLF
CG T-2 is [redacted]	September 28, October 2,3,5,and 6, 1967	SA [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: [redacted] Office: Chicago, Illinois

Date: 10/19/67

Field Office File #: 92-1438 Bureau File #: 92-7067

Title: FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

JOSEPH SPARACIANO, operating horse and sports book for CARUSO, raided on 8/24/67. EVERETTE "PIGGY" JOYCE, allegedly operating dice game for CARUSO, arrested and charged as "keeper" of game raided on 10/6/67. No organized gambling games in vicinity of 26th and Wentworth, Chicago. Individuals named [redacted] associates of CARUSO. [redacted] CARUSO has say in patronage positions and has arranged for jobs for many of his relatives, friends and associates.

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DETAILS:

Gambling Interest

CG T-1 advised [redacted] b7D

Subsequent investigation by the FBI determined that SPARACIANO was utilizing telephone number 247-4605 at aforementioned address. Investigation disclosed no interstate activity. A local affidavit and search warrant obtained by an Agent of the FBI was turned over to the Intelligence Unit, Chicago Police Department, for execution and same was raided on August 24, 1967.

SPARACIANO was arrested and charged as keeper of the gambling house as well as selling liquor to minors. SPARACIANO admitted booking horse bets for the past two months and claimed only six or seven customers, all local residents. Horse bet records and miscellaneous gambling paraphernalia were confiscated.

CG T-2 advised a large scale floating dice game was being operated at three alternating locations during weekends under the control of CARUSO's hoodlum group. "PIGGY" JOYCE, a long time dice hustler and associate of CARUSO who recently returned to Chicago from Miami, Florida, was operating the game.

CG T-1 advised [redacted] b7D

Investigation failed to disclose interstate activity on part of the operators of same. In view of the lack of interstate activity, a local affidavit and search warrant were obtained by an Agent of the FBI and turned over to the Intelligence Unit, Chicago Police Department, for execution.

On October 6, 1967, the Intelligence Unit, Chicago Police Department, acting on the affidavit and complaint, raided aforementioned location and arrested eighteen participants at the game. EVERETTE B. JOYCE, also known as

"PIGGY, [redacted] and WALTER SZYMANSKI were charged as being keepers. The Intelligence Unit confiscated numerous decks of cards, dice, a dice table, miscellaneous gambling equipment, and a loaded .38 caliber gun taken from JOYCE. b6 b7C

The "Chicago Sun-Times" issue of October 7, 1967, page 23, column 1, carried an article entitled, "'Piggy' Joyce Again Lands In Dice News," (it was stated that it was nearly like old times for "PIGGY" JOYCE, now 69, who in the 1920's and 1930's was one of Chicago's biggest gambling joint operators).

The article stated detectives acted on an FBI warrant, charged into a second floor flat at 1746 West 69th Street, and found eighteen men cluttered around a big dice table and the croupiers. The article stated according to the raiders, the game was run by FRANK "SKID" CARUSO, a crime syndicate gambling boss who was not in the flat at the time.

CG T-2 advised no organized gambling is taking place in the vicinity of 26th Street and Wentworth, Chicago, under the control of the CARUSO group. On occasion, small pick up games exist with little money being used.

Associates

CG T-1 advised [redacted] b7D

CG T-1 advised [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Business

On September 29, 1967, [redacted] Licensing Unit, Chicago Police Department, advised that there was a firearms arrest at Chinatown Liquor, 234 West Cermak Road, Chicago, the last of July which resulted in the store being closed for a short time. After re-opening, the store discontinued selling liquor inasmuch as there was no business. [redacted] the store and is now out of same completely.

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CG T-2 advised [redacted]

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Patronage

CG T-2 advised CARUSO has a say in obtaining patronage positions concerning state and city employment and has been responsible for many of his friends, relatives, and associates obtaining positions with state or local governments through political connections.

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Chicago, Illinois
October 19, 1967

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Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

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ANTI-RACKETEERING

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CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is acquainted with activities relating to the Caruso group.

CG T-2 is knowledgeable concerning activities of individuals in the Caruso group.

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TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 10/19/67 at Chicago.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS: Will follow subject's activities concerning his hoodlum interest.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED None						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR [X] YES [ ] NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS [ ] YES [X] NO

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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Chicago

Date: 12/18/67

Field Office File #: 92-1438 Bureau File #: 92-7067

Title: FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: CARUSO maintains an office behind a barber shop at 236 West Cermak Road, Chicago, which he uses for a meeting place. CARUSO is usually there from 10:00 a.m. to twelve noon. CARUSO interested in any kind of business venture which will be successful. EDWARD JOYCE charged as keeper in dice gambling raid by Chicago Police Department on 10/6/67. Advised he has shot dice in "patch" areas of Chicago and knows CARUSO, but has never worked for him or the hoodlum element.

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DETAILS:

Activities and Meeting Place

CG T-1 advised that CARUSO maintains an office, which he uses for a meeting place, which is located behind the barber shop at 236 West Cermak Road, Chicago. CARUSO is usually there from 10:00 a.m. to twelve noon.

CG T-1 stated CARUSO is interested in involving himself in any kind of business venture which will be successful financially, as he needs income for himself and associates.

Gambling Activities

CG T-2 advised CARUSO controls gambling in the Bridgeport area of Chicago.

It was previously stated that individuals named [redacted] were associates of CARUSO and involved in bookmaking for him. b6 b7C

On December 1, 1967, [redacted] advised that [redacted] stated [redacted] could not ever make a go of being a bookmaker. b6 b7C

Associates

CG T-2 advised that PHIL "SHORTY THE BOOKMAKER" LIZZO is a known associate of CARUSO.

CG T-2 stated that [redacted] b7D

CG 92-1433

Gambling Raid

It was previously noted that a dice game was raided by the Chicago Police Department on October 6, 1967, at 1746 West 69th Street, Chicago. EDWARD JOYCE was one of the individuals charged as being the keeper of same.

Following the court appearance for JOYCE on December 1, 1967, wherein the charge against JOYCE was dismissed, JOYCE furnished the following information:

He is not associated with the hoodlum element and never was. He has always enjoyed shooting dice and has been involved in games with individuals described in the press as being hoodlums, however, he has never worked for them. He complimented the FBI and its work involving the hoodlum element and stated this type of investigation should have started years ago. He described Chicago as a "rotten" city which seems to be getting worse rather than better.

He has not been a permanent resident in Chicago since moving to Florida in 1932 although he has frequently visited here. He formerly shot dice in the area reportedly controlled by CARUSO several years ago, and he knows CARUSO, however, he has not associated with him in any way nor was he ever a part of CARUSO's so called group.

Gambling Interest

CG T-1 advised that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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Chicago, Illinois
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Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Nab 26 In Raid On A Chinese Gambling Parlor

Chicago detectives and FBI agents Friday night raided what they called a syndicate-operated Chinese gambling parlor at 551 S. Clark.

Agents said the operation was being conducted behind a front organization, the Wah-Mee Civic Assn. The association received a charter from the office of the Illinois Secretary of State just after Christmas, they said.

Police, led by Lt. Thomas Kernan, said they confiscated "a masive quantity" of Chinese gambling equipment and arrested 26 persons. One, Charles De Ken, 58, of 59 W. Ontario, was charged with being a keeper of a gambling establishment.

The federal agents noted with surprise that the operation was directly across the street from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's old offices at 536 S. Clark.

Raiders said the operation was run by Frank (Skid) Caruso, syndicate gambling boss of the south Loop area.

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"Skid",
Frank A. Skid,
Skid Frank Spino,
Frank Spino,
Frank Barkhardi,
"Machine Gun Skid"
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OO: CHICAGO

CARUSO is lieutenant under GUS ALEX in Chicago's first ward and controls gambling and racket~~eering~~ activities on Chicago's near south side. CARUSO is son-in-law of deceased BRUNO ROTI, close associate of AL CAPONE. CARUSO took over the control of same shortly after ROTI died and after ROTI's sons failed to handle their responsibilities.

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Enclosed is one photograph of CARUSO.

CARUSO is described as follows:

Address	215 West 23rd Street, Chicago, Illinois
Date of Birth	11/29/11
Place of Birth	Chicago, Illinois
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'6"
Weight	175 pounds
Hair	Dark - graying, combed straight back
Eyes	Brown
Marital status	Married
Wife	CATHERINE
Children Sons	PETER, [redacted]
	FRANK, JR. [redacted]

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REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted]

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 12/18/67, at Chicago. b6 b7C

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow activities of subject concerning his involvement in hoodlum matters.

INFORMANTS

Source	Date	Contacting Agent
CG T-1 [redacted]	2/9/68	SA [redacted]

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS: NONE.

Case has been: Pending over one year ☒ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Bureau File #: 92-7067

Title: FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: CARUSO resides 215 West 23rd Street, Chicago. CARUSO maintains office behind barber shop at 236 West Cermak Road, Chicago. He is there about 10:30 a.m. for two hours, where he conducts racket activity and meets contacts and associates. CARUSO putting "muscle" on [redacted]

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DETAILS:

Residence

It is noted CARUSO resides with his wife, CATHERINE, at 215 West 23rd Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Activities and Hangouts

CG T-1 advised CARUSO maintains his office behind the barber shop at 236 West Cermak Road, Chicago. The office is entered from behind 234 West Cermak Road, where [redacted] b7D

CG T-1 stated CARUSO is usually at his office about 10:30 a.m. and remains there for about two hours, where he conducts racket activity and meets with contacts and associates.

On January 8, 1968, [redacted] b6 [redacted] 21st District, Chicago Police Department, advised b7C he has had little trouble in the China Town area, where CARUSO maintains his office behind the barber shop at 236 West Cermak Road. [redacted] stated CARUSO meets his associates at that address. According to [redacted] ANTHONY "POOPY" MAENZA and JOSEPH "SHORTY" LA MANTIA are associates of CARUSO, who work for him and handle his racket activity.

CG T-2 furnished information [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
February 20, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. CG 92-1438

Title FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference report of Special Agent [redacted] [redacted] dated and captioned as above

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SAC, LITTLE ROCK 2/26/68

SAC, CHICAGO (92-1438)

FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka
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(OO: Chicago)

Re Chicago airtel to Little Rock, dated 2/15/68, advising of CARUSO's travel to Hot Springs, Arkansas.

[redacted] b7D

Little Rock cover activities as requested in referenced airtel.

2-Little Rock
1-Chicago
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RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

Orally 2/28/68 (date) By Telephone _____ (date) Written Communication _____ (date)

Information concerning:

Frank Camso

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

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Information furnished was obtained:

- [ ] during course of Bureau investigation
- [x] from informants
- [ ] from complainants or other sources

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Information furnished to: [redacted], 21st Dist. CPD

Number of items disseminated: 1

Remarks: Info re Camso's interest in Chinese gambling.

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1 - 66-4799

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Chicago (92-1438)

DATE: March 19, 1968

FROM : SAC, Little Rock (92-508)(P)

SUBJECT: FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka
AR
OO: Chicago

Re Chicago airtel to Little Rock, 2/15/68, and Chicago letter to Little Rock, 2/26/68.

For the information of the Chicago Office, the following investigation was conducted by SA LEANDER J. MUNCY:

Records of the major hotels, the Arlington and the Majestic, checks with informants and sources at Hot Springs, and an examination of hot water bath records for the entire city of Hot Springs all failed to reflect the presence of CARUSO and/or his associates listed in referenced airtel. All records were also checked under the aliases of CARUSO furnished in referenced airtel. One informant had heard that CARUSO had been staying at the Majestic Hotel in the latter part of February, but a check of the records failed to verify this information. The photograph of CARUSO could not be identified by any of the sources checked.

Further efforts will be made during the remainder of the race meet at Hot Springs which ends on 4/6/68 for any further information concerning the possible presence of CARUSO in Hot Springs.

2 - Chicago (92-1438)
2 - Little Rock (92-508)
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RS to LR 3/25/68 to discontinue investigation as Caruso returned to Cg.

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RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

Orally 3/27/68 (date) By Telephone _____ (date) Written Communication _____ (date)

Information concerning:

Frank Caruso

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

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Information furnished was obtained:

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- [ ] from complainants or other sources

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Information furnished to: [redacted] Licensing Unit, CPD

Number of items disseminated: 1

Remarks:

~~Info~~ re Caruso operating Bailey's Lounge, 2249 So. Wentworth.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	4/18/68	2/13 - 4/11/68

TITLE OF CASE

FRANK TONY CARUSO aka

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] b6 b7C

TYPED BY: mmg

CHARACTER OF CASE

AR

REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] dated 2/20/68, at Chicago. b6 b7C
Chicago airtel to Little Rock dated 2/15/68 (IO).
Chicago letter to Little Rock dated 2/26/68 (IO).
Little Rock letter to Chicago dated 3/19/68 (IO).

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow subject's activities concerning his involvement in organized crime.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☒ YES ☐ NO
					none		PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

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CG 92-1438

ADMINISTRATIVE

Investigation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, was conducted by SA LENDAR J. MUNCY.

INFORMANTS

Source	Date Contacted	Contacting Agent
CG T-1 [redacted]	2/14/68	SA [redacted]
CG T-2 [redacted]	2/16/68, 3/11/68, 4/9/68	SA [redacted]
CG T-3 [redacted]	2/12/68	SA WILLIAM A. MORRISON
CG T-4 [redacted]	3/25/68	SA JOHN J. OITZINGER

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [redacted]
Date: 4/18/68

Office: Chicago

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Field Office File #: 92-1438

Bureau File #: 92-7067

Title: FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: CARUSO using Fraley's Lounge as hangout. He uses that location as meeting and contact place for associates. CARUSO is at that location during most of day and evening. He is interested in selling same. ANTHONY "POOPY" MAENZA no longer working for CARUSO, as CARUSO does not have funds to support him. CARUSO visited Hot Springs, Ark., latter part of February and first part of March. FRED B. ROTH, brother-in-law of CARUSO, slated by Democratic First Ward Organization in Chicago to run for alderman.

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CG 92-1438

DETAILS:

Hangout and Meeting Place

CG T-1 advised that CARUSO spends most of his time at Fraley's Lounge, 2249 South Wentworth, Chicago, which lounge he uses as a meeting place for his associates. He is usually at that location about 10:00 A.M.

CG T-2 advised that CARUSO spends most of his time operating Fraley's Lounge, which location is also utilized as a meeting place and contact spot.

Business

CG T-2 advised that CARUSO invested money in Fraley's Lounge, 2249 South Wentworth, Chicago, which lounge opened in November, 1967. [redacted] who came from Chicago's south side, was operating same but gave up the operation due to the lack of business. Since the first part of February, CARUSO has been handling the business at that lounge.

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CG T-2 stated that although business has been poor at Fraley's Lounge, CARUSO is not too concerned about same as the lounge is located in the building owned by his brother-in-law, FRED ROTI.

CG T-2 stated CARUSO would like to sell the business for the right amount.

On March 11, 1968, [redacted] Licensing Unit, Vice-Control Division, Chicago Police Department, advised that [redacted]

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Associates

CG T-3 advised that an individual named

[redacted] at Fraley's Lounge for CARUSO. b6 b7C b7D

CG T-3 advised that [redacted] a juice collector for GUS ALEX, hangs out at Fraley's Lounge.

CG T-4 advised that [redacted] b7D

CG T-4 stated that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Travel to Hot Springs, Arkansas

CG T-2 advised that CARUSO planned on leaving for Hot Springs, Arkansas, for a vacation of approximately three weeks on February 18, 1968. He was to be accompanied by some associates.

CG T-1 advised that CARUSO and four associates planned to leave for Hot Springs for a week or two on about the 18th of February.

A Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted an investigation in Hot Springs, Arkansas, in February, and March, 1968. No information was developed which indicated that CARUSO was at Hot Springs, however, it was learned that possibly he had been staying at the Majestic Hotel, apparently under a false registration.

CG T-2 advised that CARUSO returned from Hot Springs, Arkansas, in the first part of March.

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Aldermanic Elections

It is noted that FRED B. ROTI has been slated as the Democratic candidate for the First Ward Aldermanic Election that will be held soon to fill the aldermanic vacancy in the First Ward in Chicago.

According to information set forth in the editorial page in the Chicago Daily News issue of March 25, 1968, ROTI is described as a $749.00 a month inspector of house drains for the Chicago Bureau of Sewers. He is 47 years of age and in 1950 was elected State Senator. He held that position for six years.

It is noted that ROTI is the brother-in-law of CARUSO and lives next door to CARUSO at 211 West 23rd Street, Chicago. It is also noted that ROTI is the son of BRUNO ROTI who died in 1956 and who was for years a strong ally of AL CAPONE.

CG T-2 advised that JOHN DI ARCO, the First Ward Democratic Committeeman, is responsible for the slating of ROTI in the coming Aldermanic Election..

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Chicago, Illinois

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Title FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above. b6 b7C

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1438) DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: FRANK TONY CARUSO
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On February 12, 1968, and March 20, 1968, [redacted] advised as follows: b6 b7C b7D

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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Upon receipt of additional information from [redacted] consideration will be given to [redacted] concerning his knowledge of the CARUSOs.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	6/13/68	4/12 - 6/7/68

TITLE OF CASE

FRANK TONY CARUSO, aka

REPORT MADE BY

SA [redacted]

TYPED BY

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CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 4/18/68 at Chicago.

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LEADS

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS: 1. Will follow subject's activities concerning his involvement in hoodlum matters.

2. Will interview and further identify [redacted] (phonetic) who is working for CARUSO as a [redacted]

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☐ NO
				NONE			PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS X ☐ YES ☐ NO

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INFORMANTS

Source	Date of Contact and Contacting Agent
CG T-1 and T-3 [redacted]	4/9, 4/30, 5/13 and 6/7/68 by SA [redacted]
CG T-2 is [redacted]	5/13/68 by SA [redacted]
CG T-4 is [redacted]	4/8/68 by SA WILLIAM A. MORRISON

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Copy to:
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Report of: SA [redacted]
Date: 6/18/68

Office: CHICAGO

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Field Office File #: 92-1438

Bureau File #: 92-7067

Title: FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

CARUSO regularly at Fraley's Lounge. CARUSO plans on selling Fraley's as business is poor and he wants rent from building housing same. [redacted] (phonetic) [redacted] for CARUSO. MORRIS CARUSO walking book in Chinatown. JAMES CARUSO has interests in neighborhood dice game.

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DETAILS:

Business and Hangout

CG T-1 advised that CARUSO is at his tavern known as Fraley's Lounge, 2249 South Wentworth, Chicago, on a regular basis. He uses this location as a meeting place and a location where he contacts his associates. [redacted] b6 b7C

CG T-2 stated that CARUSO has very little invested in Fraley's Lounge and uses same as a meeting place.

CG T-3 advised that CARUSO is planning on selling Fraley's Lounge inasmuch as same is not making money and since he wants the rent from the building at that address which is owned by his mother-in-law, MARIANNE BRUNO, but which location is controlled by him.

CG T-4 stated that [redacted] works for CARUSO [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

CG T-4 stated [redacted]

Brothers

CG T-1 stated MORRIS CARUSO, better known as "MUTT", a brother of FRANK CARUSO, has always been involved in bookmaking type activities and is a daily visitor to the Chicago racetracks. Since the flats have commenced operating in the Chicago area, "MUTT" has been operating as a walking book in the Chinatown area of Chicago where he picks up a few small bets from the Chinese.

CG T-3 stated that JAMES CARUSO, brother of FRANK CARUSO, who operates the Truck Stop Restaurant at the corner of 26th and Wentworth, has an interest in the neighborhood dice game which operates in the vicinity of the Mayburn Social Club, 2256 West 26th Street, at irregular times. An individual called "SPIDER" assists in the operations of the game.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

June 18, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. CG 92-1438

Title FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference report of Special Agent [redacted] [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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PAUL POWELL
SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62706

June 5, 1968

Federal Bureau Of Investigation
U.S. Deaprtment Of Justice
219 South Dearborn Room 905
Chicago, Illinois 60604

ATTENTION: M.W. Johnson
Special Agent

Gentlemen:

Re: [redacted]
1968 License No. 50 2289
[redacted]

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1968 License No. 50 2289 was issued to Phillip Lizzo, 231 Alexander Street, Chicago, Illinois 60616, covering a 1965 Chevrolet Fordor, Serial No. 21839J 18939.

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[redacted]

Sincerely yours,

Paul Powell

PAUL POWELL
SECRETARY OF STATE

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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM: SAC CHICAGO (165-2128)

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BOOKMAKING, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS TELEPHONE NUMBER

[redacted] ITWI. OO CHICAGO.

[redacted]

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1 - 92-1438
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ABOVE PLAN WILL BE EXECUTED, UACB.

7/10/68

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TELETYPE DEFERRED

TO : DIRECTOR

FROM: SAC CHICAGO (165-2128)

CHANGED. PETER J. CARUSO, AKA. PETER BUSH. ITWI.
OO CHICAGO.

TITLE CHANGED TO ADD TRUE NAME AND ALIAS OF SUBJ PREVIOUSLY ENTITLED BOOKMAKING, CHICAGO TELEPHONE NUMBER THREE TWO SIX - TWO ZERO FIVE ONE, ITWI.

REMYTEL JULY NINE LAST.

DETAILED INFO RE LARGE-SCALE BOOKMAKING OPERATION AT TWO NINE FOUR EIGHT S. UNION AVE., CHICAGO, PROVIDED TO [redacted] INTELLIGENCE UNIT, CHICAGO PD, TWELVE NOON, JULY TEN INSTANT. b6 b7C

AT TWELVE FORTY P.M. TODAY OFFICERS, UNDER DIRECTION OF [redacted] SMASHED FRONT AND REAR HEAVILY BARRICADED DOORS TO THIRD FLOOR APARTMENT AT ABOVE ADDRESS AND FOUND SUBJ IN b6 b7C

1 - [redacted] b7D
1 - [redacted]
1 - 92-1438
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1 - C-1 Tickler

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PROCESS OF DESTROYING BETTING RECORDS AND BURNING SCRATCH SHEET. SUBJ IMMEDIATELY PLACED UNDER ARREST AND IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS PETER BUSH, RESIDENCE TWO FOUR ONE EIGHT WENTWORTH AVE., CHICAGO, BORN APRIL ELEVEN NINETEEN THIRTY NINE, IN CHICAGO. DRIVERS LICENSE REFLECTED HIS TRUE NAME AS PETER J. CARUSO, RESIDENCE TWO ONE FIVE W. TWENTY THIRD ST., CHICAGO, SAME BIRTH DATE AND PLACE. MEMBERS OF INTELLIGENCE UNIT IDENTIFIED SUBJ AS SON OF CHICAGO HOODLUM FRANK "SKID" CARUSO, WHO CONTROLS GAMBLING ACTIVITY IN CHICAGO'S NEAR SOUTH SIDE.

OFFICERS CONFISCATED TWO TELEPHONES, UNUSED PADS OF SOLUBLE PAPER, VARIOUS GAMBLING PARAPHERNALIA VALUED AT FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS. OFFICER MANNING TWO TELEPHONES RECORDED LARGE NUMBER OF HORSE RACING BETS IN MATTER OF THIRTY MINUTES. BASED UPON VOLUME OF BETS CALLED IN, [redacted] ESTIMATED

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MONTHLY HANDLE AT ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. REVIEW OF CONFISCATED MATERIAL BY BUAGENTS FAILS TO REVEAL ANY INTERSTATE ACTIVITY.

[redacted] PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF RAID SINCE SIZEABLE BOOKMAKING OPERATION SMASHED AND SON OF WELL-KNOWN CHICAGO HOODLUM ARRESTED. IN NEWS RELEASE, [redacted] GAVE FULL CREDIT TO FBI.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1438)

DATE: 7/29/68

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FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT:

FRANK TONY CARUSO
AR

On 7/17/68, Sister CARMAN, Saint Mary Incornata School, 235 West 25th Place, Chicago, furnished the following information concerning members of the CARUSO family who have or are attending that school:

Parents:
FRANK T. CARUSO
Born in Chicago;
CATHERINE CARUSO, nee ROTI
Born in Chicago;

[redacted]

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PETER SAM CARUSO
Born December 23, 1938 at Chicago;
Last address for FRANK and CATHERINE CARUSO
215 West 23rd Street, Chicago;

[redacted]

FRANCIS FRED
Born December 21, 1945; Chicago.

Parents
MORRIS (MARIANO) CARUSO
Born Chicago, Illinois;

[redacted]

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[redacted]

PETER FRANK CARUSO
Born July 13, 1942, Chicago;

[redacted]

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Last address for MORRIS and [redacted]

[redacted]

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1 - 166-487

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Parents
JOSEPH CARUSO
Born Chicago;
ROSE CARUSO, nee ROTI,
Born Chicago;

[redacted]

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Children
PETER JOSEPH,
Born April 11, 1939;
Chicago;

[redacted]

Parents

[redacted]

Children

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1438) DATE: 7/29/68

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: FRANK TONY CARUSO
AR

On 7/19/68, [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Chicago Police Department, furnished the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that DOMINIC SCALFARA, JOHN MARFO, also known as JOHN RICCO and PHILLIP LIZZO, also known as "PHIL RIZZO" and "SHORTY" are currently working with CARUSO in his racket activity and have also been associated with him for several years.

[redacted] stated that SCALFARA was described as being 5'11" tall, weighing 175 pounds, having black hair, brown eyes and being born on 12/2/21 and continues to reside at 522 West 27th Street, Chicago, Illinois. He has Chicago Police Department Identification Record (CGPD IR) Number 51350. He works wirerooms for CARUSO either by himself or with JOHN MARFO.

[redacted] stated that JOHN MARFO who generally uses the last name RICCO resides at either 6525 or 6625 South Kilbourn, Chicago, Illinois. RICCO stands 5'7" in height, weighs 165 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair. He was born on March 22, 1922. He has CGPD IR Number 31555. RICCO generally works wirerooms for CARUSO and sometimes along with SCALFARA. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that PHILLIP LIZZO who also uses the name PHILLIP RIZZO and "SHORTY" is currently at the Chicago race tracks on a daily basis. He is at Sportsmen's Park nightly. He is doing on-track bookmaking and gets track employees to bring bets to him. He has long been close to CARUSO and has frequently chauffeured him.

[redacted] described LIZZO as being about 5'6", 190 pounds, having black hair and brown eyes.

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LIZZO was born on November 12, 1916, at Chicago, Illinois. He resides at 231 West Alexander Street. He has CG PD IR Number 14781 and FBI Identification Number 727 812 B.

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PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☒ YES ☐ NO

PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

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INFORMANTS

Informant	Date Contacted	Interviewing Agent
CG T-1 [redacted]	7/17/68	SA [redacted]
CG T-2 [redacted]	5/21/68, 7/23/68, and 8/1/68	SA [redacted]
CG T-3 [redacted]	6/7/68, 7/1/68, and 7/8/68,	SA [redacted]
CG T-4 [redacted]	7/10/68	SA JOHN J. OITZINGER
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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Chicago, Illinois b6 b7C
Date: 8/19/68

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Title: FRANK TONY CARUSO

Character: ANTI - RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Date of birth of CARUSO's children listed. Employment of children stated. CARUSO pleased that brother-in-law FRED ROTI figures to become Chicago's First Ward Alderman. Associates identified. Interest in floating dice game and location of same. Operators of dice game identified. [redacted] of CARUSO, arrested in wireroom raid on 7/10/68. b6 b7C

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DETAILS

Family

On July 17, 1968, Sister CARMEN, St. Mary's Incorenata School, 235 West 35th Place, Chicago, furnished the following information concerning the children of FRANK T. CARUSO and KATHERINE (Nee ROTI) CARUSO, 215 West 23rd Street, Chicago, who have attended that school;

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PETER born 12/23/38, at Chicago.

[redacted]

FRANCIS FRED born 12/21/45, at Chicago.

[redacted]

On July 1, 1968, [redacted] advised that PETER S. CARUSO is employed by the Bureau of Sanitation, City of Chicago. He formerly resided at 218 West 23rd Street, and now resides at 8531 West Berwyn. PETER J. CARUSO was formerly an employee of the Park District Police Department, City of Chicago. b6 b7C

CG T-1 advised that CARUSO is elated over the fact that his brother-in-law FRED ROTI will undoubtedly become Alderman of Chicago, First Ward, and will be able to assist him in making legitimate type political deals. b6 b7C

Associates

On July 19, 1968, [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Chicago Police Department, advised as follows:

[redacted] stated DOMINIC SCALFARA, JOHN MARFOE (Also Known As JOHN RICCO), and PHILLIP LIZZO (Also Known As PHIL RIZZO and "Shorty"), are currently working with CARUSO in his racket activities and have been associated with in for several years. In the past these individuals have been wireroom operators. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated SCALFARA, who is CARUSO's brother-in-law, is described as follows: b6 b7C

Name	DOMINIC SCALFARA
Born	12/2/21, at Chicago
Height	5'11"
Weight	175
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Residence	522 West 27th Street
Chicago PD IR Number	51350
Name	JOHN MARFOE
Aliases	JOHN RICCO
Born	3/22/22, at Chicago
Height	5'7"
Weight	165
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Chicago PD IR Number	31555
Name	PHILLIP LIZZO
Aliases	PHIL LIZZO SHORTY
Born	11/12/16
Height	5'6"
Weight	190
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Chicago PD IR Number	14781

[redacted] stated LIZZO is at the Trotters nightly and currently at Sportsman's Park. b6 b7C

CG T-2 advised that an individual named "Shorty," who is a close friend of CARUSO, drives a 1965 black Impala Chevrolet two-door hardtop, with 1968 Illinois License 502-289.

Officers of the Auto Registration Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, furnished information dated June 5, 1968, which disclosed that aforementioned license was issued to PHIL LIZZO, 231 Alexander Street, Chicago, covering a 1965 Chevrolet automobile. b6 b7C

It was previously recalled that [redacted] (phonetic) works for CARUSO [redacted] b6 b7C

On August 8, 1968 [redacted] Street, Chicago, advised he was raised on [redacted] area and is well acquainted with CARUSO and his family. He currently works [redacted]

[redacted] stated he [redacted] and wants to be around to raise them. He stated his record is clean and he is not involved in any illegal activity nor is he on juice. He knows nothing about CARUSO's activities and makes no effort to learn of same. He feels it is best for him to manage his own affairs and not worry about others.

[redacted] is described as follows; b6 b7C

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Dice Game

CG T-3 advised that a dice rand operation is headquartered at the [redacted] b7D

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[redacted] The location of the game if in operation can be determined at the [redacted]

CG T-3 stated [redacted]

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According to CG T-2 the dice game controlled by JAMES CARUSO will be developed with security in mind until it develops into a lucrative game.

CG T-4 advised that [redacted]

Wireroom Raided

On July 10, 1968, a wireroom operation at 2948 South Union, Chicago, was raided by the Intelligence Unit, Chicago Police Department. Their raid was based on information furnished in form of complaint and search warrants obtained by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Barricaded doors leading to the wireroom location were destroyed and placed under arrest as the operator of same was an individual identified as PETER J. CARUSO, 215 West 23rd Street, Chicago. CARUSO gave his date of birth as April 11, 1939, at Chicago.

It is noted the PETER JOSEPH CARUSO, born on April 11, 1939, is the son of JOSEPH "Shoes" CARUSO, brother of FRANK CARUSO.

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Daily Double Tickets

CG T-5 advised that [redacted]